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MARRIAGE CUSTOMS IN INDIA.

REPORT OF AGE-OF-CONSENT COMMITTEE.

PUBLIC OPINION GROWING UNEASY.

EDUCATIVE VALUE OF NEW SOCIAL LEGISLATION.

[United Press.]

Calcutta.—The report of the Age of Consent Committee, just published, is an interesting and valuable document. It contains a mass of information on marriage customs and sentiment from all parts of India.

The Committee was appointed by the Government of India, in June 1928, to examine the state of the law relating to the age of consent, and it examined a large number of women witnesses, whose intimate knowledge of the conditions of married life and maternity, entitled them to speak with authority of the feelings and views of, at least, the educated section of women in the country. The Committee toured the whole country and their findings go to prove that public opinion among the educated classes in India is beginning to stir uneasily and to realise how terribly the customs of early marriage and early consummation are hampering, and have always hampered, the task of building up healthy and happy races in this country.

Early Marriages.

The All-India figures of the 1921 Census show that over 200,000 girls were, married before they had reached five years of age; over 2,000,000 were married between the ages of five and ten; and 6,500,000 between the ages of ten and fifteen. From these figures, the Committee estimate that the total number of girls likely to be married before the completion of the 15th year is 23,168,553. The total number of girls below fifteen is 39,643,390 and the proportion of girls likely to be married below that age is 42 per cent.

Among girls, however, who are unmarried between the ages of ten to fifteen a large number will get married before they complete their

fifteenth year and, therefore, the percentage of girls who are married before the completion of the fifteenth year will probably be nearer 50 than 42 per cent.

In view of the fact that among non-Moslem there is an important section of orthodox opinion opposed to any change on the ground of Shastric (Scriptural) injunctions, the Committee has taken a courageous step in proposing further legislation, although it is admitted that past legislation on the subject has had little result. The Committee seem to have been impressed by the argument that social legislation has an educative value by setting up better ideals, and it recommends measures to give wide publicity to the Marriage and Consent laws on an educative propaganda.

Protecting the Wives.

The Committee recommends legislation both for the wife and for the unmarried woman. Taking, as a fundamental principle, that without a marriage law fixing an age closely related to the age of consent the law of consent would not be of much avail, they propose 14 as the minimum marriage age for girls, and 15 as the age of consent within marriage, marital relations below that age to be an offence punishable by imprisonment, up to 12 years if the wife is under 12 and up to one year when she is over 12.

Outside marriage, the age of consent should be 18, the punishment to be transportation for life or ten years' imprisonment when the girl is under 16, and two years if she is above 16, and is proved to have been a consenting party.

This heroic suggestion, that 18 be accepted as the age below which an Indian woman cannot be regarded as competent to dispose of

herself, is inspired by the necessity of finding a way of protecting young girls from being exploited in prostitution but it is to say the least far in advance of public opinion in this country. Only certain American States treat women as intellectually immature up to that late age.

Women Police?

Another revolutionary proposal for India is that women police should be employed, where available, to aid in the investigation of sexual offences and in taking statements of girls or women witnesses in case of marital misbehaviour, and where women police are not available, any disinterested and respectable women of the locality or neighbourhood should be invited to be present while the statement of the girl concerned, or any female witness, is being taken by the police.

In a separate note, Mrs. Brij Lal Nehru, the only Indian lady on the Committee, expressed the view that the general public in India are eager for legislation against early marriage and its attendant evils, but she believes that the punishment for marital misbehaviour should not be vindictive.

"The very fact," she says, "that early consummation is so widely practised shows that it is not looked upon by the generality of people as anything reprehensible or criminal. The object of this law is to save female children from immature co-habitation.

"That object can only be attained by raising the moral sense of the people to the level of the law. Law after all is an organic growth and its effectiveness depends on the relationship it bears to the organization of and practices followed by the particular society it governs."

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Diary of Coming Events.

To-day. (November 5.) Interport Cricket: Shanghai v. Malaya, H.K.C.C. ground, 10.30 a.m. Ladies' Recreation Club "At Home," Open Championship finals, 3 p.m. English Association: Lecture by H.E. "The Story of the World Tea," Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m. Diocesan Boys' School "At Home," Concert and gymnastic display, 7 p.m. Ruth Van Valey Co. Star Theatre at 9.15 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "Catherine." World Theatre: "Sadie Thompson." Star Theatre: "Beyond the Sierras." Tea Dances: Hong Kong Hotel, Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m. Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel, Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels, 8.30 p.m. Tides: High, 1.15 p.m. and 10.44 p.m.; Low, 8.03 a.m. and 4.31 p.m. European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Andre Lebon), 2.30 p.m.	
Wednesday. (November 6.) Interport Cricket: Shanghai v. Malaya, H.K.C.C. ground, 10.30 a.m. Concert of French Music, Helena May Institute, 8.30. Ruth Van Valey Co. Star Theatre at 9.15 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "The Singing Fool" (talking picture).	
Thursday. (November 7.) Hockey: Club v. Punjabis, Marina ground, 5 p.m. Football:—Div. II: K.O.S.B. v. Somerset; R.A.M.C. v. Royal Navy. Miss Daisy O'Keefe's dancing display: Theatre Royal, 8.15 p.m. Ruth Van Valey Co. Star Theatre, 8.15 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "The Singing Fool" (talking picture). World Theatre: "Sadie Thompson." Star Theatre: "Beyond the Sierras." Tea Dances: Hong Kong Hotel, and Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m. Dinner Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m. Tides: High, 11.12 p.m.; Low: 6.52 a.m.	
Friday. (November 8.) Christian Fellowship Meeting, Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m. Meeting of Licensing Board Council Chamber, 2.30 p.m. Jumble Sale, Union Church Kowloon, 2.30 p.m. Ruth Van Valey Co. Star Theatre at 9.15 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "The Singing Fool" (talking picture). World Theatre: "The Kid is Clever." Star Theatre: "For Alimony Only." Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel, and Peninsula Hotel, 5 p.m. Dinner Dances: Peninsula Hotel and Hong Kong Hotel, 8.30 p.m. Tides: Low, 9.01 a.m.	

HUMOUR: ANCIENT AND MODERN.

Motor Cyclist: "Do you know anything about an aeroplane which dropped near here?"

Urchin (with catapult, trembling): "No, sir; I've only been shootin' at sparrows."

Teacher: "What's your name, boy?"

Small Boy: "Thomas Trotter."

Teacher: "Why don't you say 'sir'?"

Small Boy: "Sir Thomas Trotter."

Mrs. Brown: "Oh, Mrs. Jones, I'm in such trouble. My little Willie's got lost."

Mrs. Jones: "Well, well, it'll be alright. Everyone in the neighborhood knows him."

Mrs. Brown: "Oh, nobody'll know him to-day, because I've just washed him!"

Guest (to unknown man by his side): "This is a great society event."

Unknown Man: "Indeed your are right. One of the most fashionable weddings held in this town."

"None but the very best people here."

"That's so. They are very select."

"Are you a relative of the parties?"

"Not at all. I am a detective watching that none of the guests steal the wedding presents."

A small boy was dragging a wretched dog through the streets, when a boy said:

"Why don't you kill that dog?"

"Why? Cause 'e's worth a fortune. Me mudder gave me a bob to drown 'im, a man gave me two bob for not drownin' 'im, an now I'm lookin' for the bloke that'll give me 'arf-a-crown to do somethin' else."

The wife of a riotous citizen waited one day night for her husband till 10 o'clock, and then went along to the police station to see if he were there.

"No, mum, he ain't here," said the inspector, "but sit down and wait, we're expecting him any minute."

"In fact, little lady," the eminent doctor concluded, paternally, "you are not at all well." The sweet little Society flapper tearfully agreed. "Our nerves are entirely wrong," added the eminent one, "and our stomach is seriously out of order. In fact, we shall have to diet."

The poor child's big blue eyes filled to their brim. "W-w-what colour, doctor?" she asked, anxiously.

Bill Blathers lived in a two-story house at the back of Joe Blathers' place. Joe had missed a lot of poultry lately, and decided to keep watch on his neighbour.

Early one morning, seeing his prize Brahma being hauled up the wall on the end of a fishing line, he called out:

"Hey, Blathers, isn't that my rooster you've got there?"

"It all depends," said Blathers. "What do you mean?"

Joe: "Depends on what?"

"On the string. Blathers coolly replied."

She had just paid her rates and was in anything but a happy mood when she entered the tramcar on her way home. When the conductor came for her fare, she looked sourly at him.

"How much do you get a week?" she asked him. The conductor told her.

"No wonder the rates are high," she snapped, "when they pay you all that money for just running up those steps."

"They don't, mum," retorted the conductor; "we get half of it for running down."

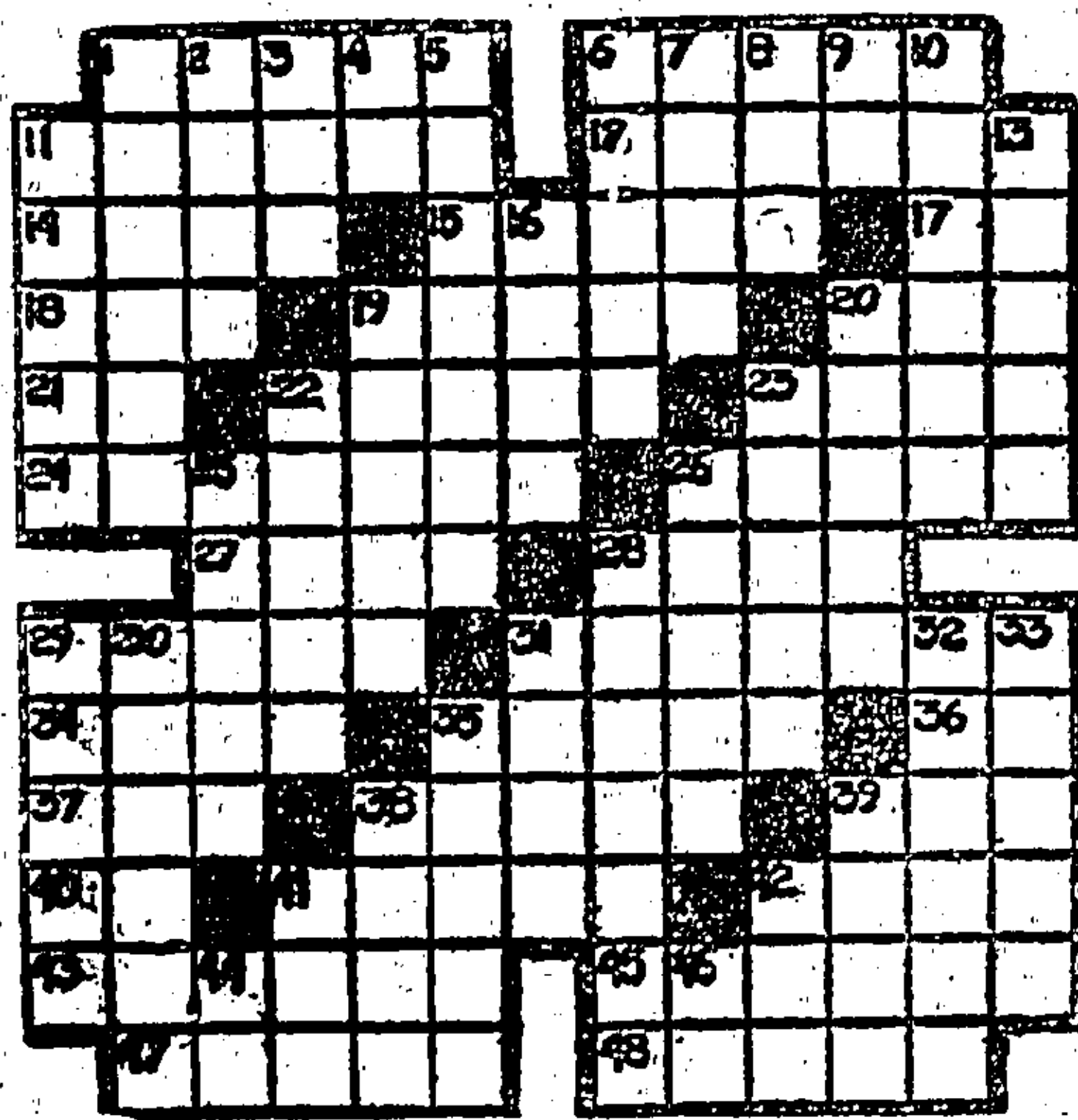
A gaudily-dressed tennis player stood on the pavement outside his club glancing anxiously at his wristwatch and scanning the road for the sign of a taxi. A few moments later an urchin pushing a dilapidated wheelbarrow, passed along the street.

"I say, my boy," said the tennis player, "just run to the top of the street and fetch me a taxi, will you?"

The boy winked aheadward.

"No fear," he said, "I know your sort! When my back was turned, you'd nip off with my barrow."

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Horizontal.

- 1.—Prince of demons.
- 6.—Domestic animal.
- 11.—To dedicate.
- 12.—Very warm.
- 14.—Ireland.
- 15.—Spine.
- 17.—Musical note.
- 18.—To free.
- 19.—Rear of vessel.
- 20.—Bed.
- 21.—Mother.
- 22.—Sorti.
- 23.—Foundation.
- 24.—Charged.
- 25.—Central parts.
- 27.—Inspired fear.
- 28.—Painful.
- 29.—Yields.
- 31.—Deprives.
- 32.—To state.
- 33.—Small fruits.
- 34.—Exclamation.
- 37.—To enclose.
- 38.—Cleaning materials.
- 39.—Moisture.
- 40.—Half an em.
- 41.—Disposition to deceive.
- 42.—Clamp.
- 43.—To go back.
- 45.—Wrecked.
- 47.—Rounded roofs.
- 48.—Gaiters.

Vertical.

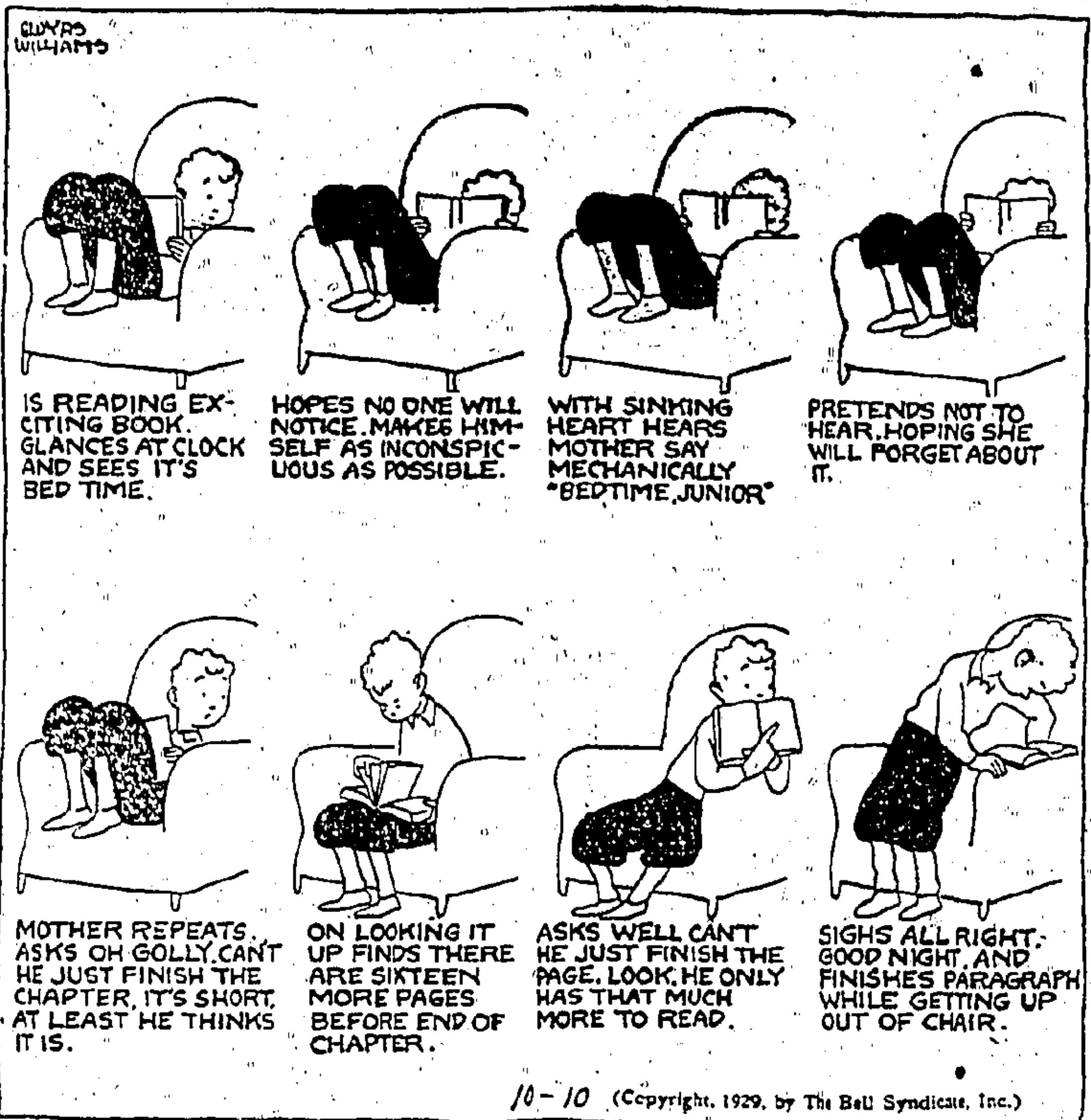
- 1.—Continued story.
- 2.—Keenly desirous.
- 3.—A weight.
- 4.—By.
- 5.—Angered.
- 6.—Tale.
- 7.—Musical instrument.
- 8.—Sea eagle.
- 9.—Comparative ending.
- 10.—Hairy.
- 11.—The skin.

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SNAPSHOTS OF A BOY STARTING FOR BED

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SPORT AND ATHLETICS.

CURTIS MORGAN'S GREAT FIGHT.

C. H. Kingsley easily defeated Captain V. M. H. Cox in the first round of the men's singles of the West Side Country Club lawn tennis tournament at Ealing by 6-1, 6-1, but W. E. T. Cole, could only dispose of N. G. Deol by 6-2, 6-3, 7-5. R. Miki, the Japanese, had a narrow escape. He made a remarkable recovery in the final set to beat W. G. Curtis Morgan by 5-7, 6-3, 6-6. Among others successful were G. M. Sherwell, E. R. Avery, A. C. Crossley, F. J. Perry, and H. G. N. Cooper. There was a great surprise in the women's singles, Miss D. E. Round being beaten by Mrs. V. Barringer by 6-3, 2-6, 6-2 in the first round. Mrs. Barringer's steadiness from the baseline worried the younger player. Miss Mary Healey defeated Miss L. M. Bremner by 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.

LLOYDS BANK BEAT R.A.F.

Lloyds Bank beat the Royal Air Force in a swimming contest at Lumbeth Baths by three events to none. C. A. Puzey won the 44 yards, L. Savage the 88 yards, and the Bank also took the team race. Miss L. Ives (Lloyds) retained the women's diving championship of the London banks with 53 points. Miss M. Edwards (Hambros), 45 points, was second.

COLLINS PROGRESSING.

James Collins, the West Ham right half-back, who underwent an operation on his damaged knee is stated to be progressing favourably. He will not be able to play again, however, for about two months.

HIGH SEAS SPOIL FISHING.

Heavy seas running off Folkestone interfered considerably with the second day of the boat competition of the Folkestone Sea Angling Festival, and the day's catch only amounted to 46lbs 2ozs., as compared with 63lbs 3ozs. on the previous day.

Some of the competitors, who numbered seventy, attempted to go out to the fishing ground in the open water, but were driven back by the stormy conditions. The wind reached almost gale force during the day.

The heaviest catch was only 6lbs 9ozs., taken by Mr. A. E. Brooks, of Sonning Hill, Berkshire. The best bag was Mr. R. H. Suckling's, London, 41lbs 4ozs. Mr. R. J. Moron, Broadstairs, with 3lbs 12ozs., and Mr. J. L. Davies, St. Leonards, with 3lbs 11ozs., had the next best weight.

The heaviest fish taken was a 15lbs 15ozs. conger, falling to the line of Mr. A. E. Brooks, City of London Piscatorialists; a catch of 5ozs. took the prize for the best bag of whiting, while for flat fish a catch only turning the scales at 44ozs. was sufficient to take the prize.

Mrs. Exton, of Dover, was the most successful lady competitor, her catch totalling 1lb 12ozs.

PETERBOROUGH'S WINDFALL.

Peterborough, the Southern League club, who lost £249 last season, have a welcome £100 to come from Rait's Rovers in connection with the transfer of Bruin, now that he has been passed on to Blackburn Rovers.

GREAT BRITAIN AND ENGLAND TEAMS.

England defeated Ireland in the second of the international golf matches between the two countries by nine points to six at St. Annecy-on-Sea. England's team was composed almost entirely of members of the younger school, while the Irishmen included many old players, W. Sutton, the West Cheshire amateur, title, and J. B. Beddard won the leading foursome match from Major C. O. Hezlet and T. W. Johnston, and the home team were victorious in this series by three games to two. In the singles Ireland were beaten by five games to three, with two matches halved. Here again England secured the leading match, J. A. Stout, the Bridlington dentist, beating Major Hezlet, holder of the Irish open amateur championship, by 4 and 2.

HORACE LEE'S INJURY.

Horace Lee, the clever Coventry three-quarter, who was injured in the match against Guy's Hospital was examined later and it was found he had broken the lateral ligament in his left knee. He will probably be out of the game for a considerable time.

FRENCH CLUB SUSPENDED.

Quillan Rugby Club, which holds the championship of France, has been suspended from taking part in the Quillan district championship competition because of questions raised concerning the status of certain of the players.

THE WOMAN'S CORNER.

WAR ON WIZARDS.

More British women are going out to the Gold Coast—formerly known as the "White Man's Grave"—to fight witch doctors. They are highly qualified doctors employed by the Government, which has realised that native women are

more likely to boycott the harmful witch doctors if they are offered women doctors in exchange than if they are offered men doctors. The Government's study of psychology is correct. The women doctors have to fight every inch of the way, but they are gradually winning, and excellent reports of their activities are being sent to the Colonial Office.



(Continued on next Column).

BAGPIPES IN THE BALLROOM.

IN HONOUR OF THE DUCHESS.

The bagpipes will be more popular than the wildest jazz band in fashionable ballrooms this winter. The Duchess of York loves dancing. She is particularly fond of (Continued on next Column).

The Gold Coast has always been considered unfit for white women, but these women doctors, nurses, and teachers go out alone to work among the natives.

Lady Guggenberg's Part.

It was a woman, Lady Guggenberg, the wife of a former Governor of the Gold Coast, who urged the advisability of sending British women doctors out there, and helped to overcome the initial difficulties and objections.

Now more women doctors are appointed by the Colonial Office to West Africa than to all our other colonies and protectorates. Two of the latest to go are Miss C. D. Williams and Miss D. A. S. Russell, also to the Gold Coast. The salary of these women starts at £200 a year, and the posts carry the right of promotion to higher ranks with salaries of £2,000 a year and upwards.

Scottish dances such as the eight some reel, and in order that the Duchess shall have as much opportunity as possible of enjoying these Scottish dances many keen dancers are practising the Highland steps.

The revival of the eight some, the Scottish reel, and some old Scottish country dances, which is being keenly watched in dancing circles at present," said Miss Belle Harding, the distinguished teacher of dancing, "has been made partly in honour of the Duchess of York."

New Spirit.

It is also hoped that they will help to create a new spirit of sociability among dancers. All dancers, except, perhaps, the most youthful, are suffering somewhat from the one-partner-all-through-the-dance idea. Hostesses think that it is time that introductions were made more frequently.

"Waltzes are likely to be extremely popular, especially, I think, the skating waltz. The dancers in this take up a skating position and the dance includes a glide, a slide, and crossed feet."

"The six-eight executed to quick time is also to be a great favourite. It is easily learned, and the dancers can introduce their own movements."

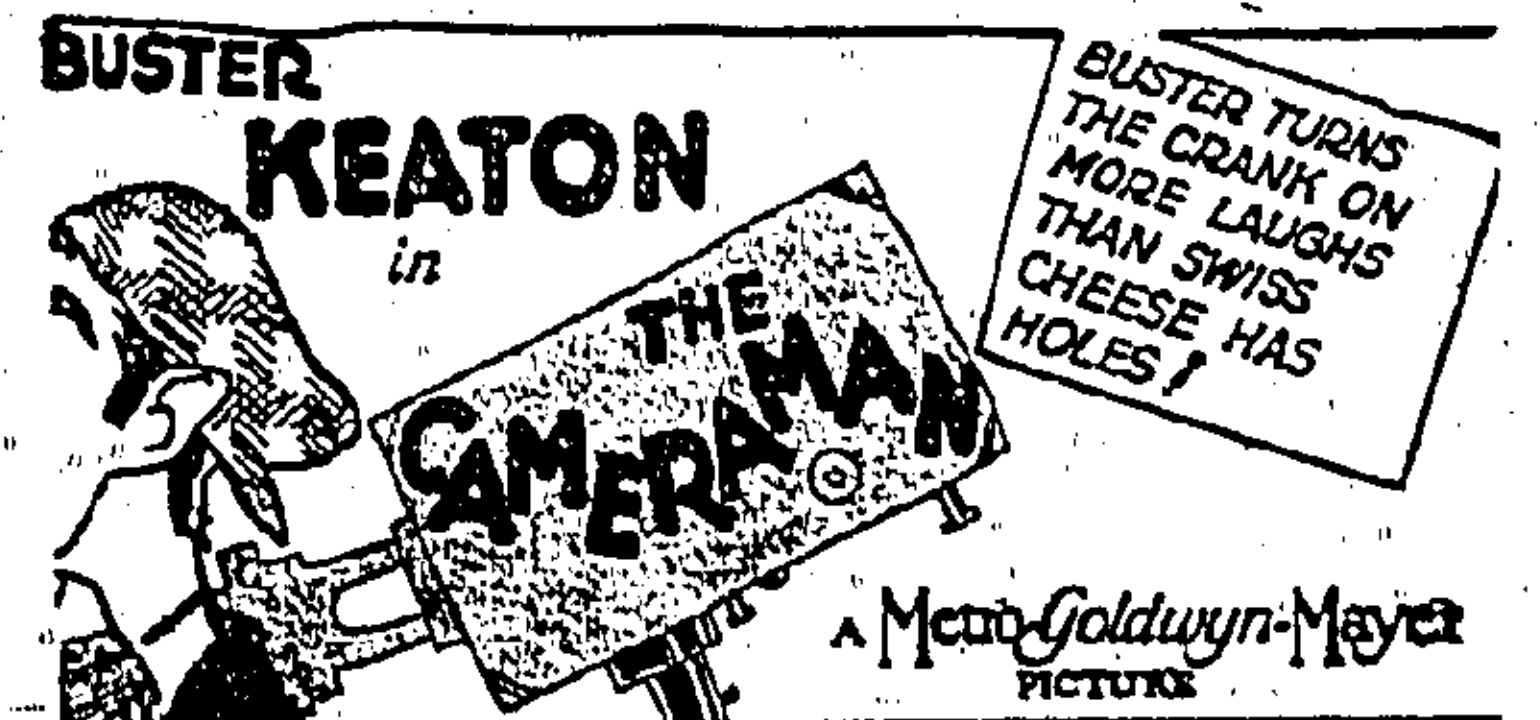
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Young woman, at Bow County Court: "I would not have dreamed of avenging at him; why, he's an old man."

A woman filling in a form in order to take out a summons against another woman, at Marylebone County Court, entered in the column headed "Description" the words "Short and stout."

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FAILURE OF TEA SHOP VENTURE.

It was recently announced in the London Gazette that a first and final dividend of 101d. in the £ was paid in connection with the affairs of North Elizabeth Ursula Viscountess Torrington, of Elmsleigh, St. Columb, Cornwall, lately carrying on business as a restaurant proprietor at High Cross, Truro, and Belmont-place, Newquay.

Lady Torrington, who is the viscount's second wife, opened a tea shop at Newquay last year. Subsequently she formed a limited company to conduct a similar business at Truro, with herself as managing director.

She stated at her public examination at Truro last May that she started in Newquay with £25 given to her by her husband. She had lost £20 weekly, and her deficiency was £1,320.

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PLANNING A MODEL CITY IN KIANGWAN AREA.

A VAST SCHEME.

The Municipality of Greater Shanghai is proceeding with the plan for the development of a model settlement in the Kiangwan-Woosung area, which, it is hoped by many Chinese, will one day displace, in importance, the International Settlement. An advertisement appeared in the *North-China Daily News* announcing an architectural competition for the design for the "civic centre of Greater Shanghai."

DR. V. K. TING'S IDEA.

The origin of this plan, as with much else that has been done in Greater Shanghai was with Dr. V. K. Ting when he was mayor here. It stands to the credit of the Municipality that, whereas it has been customary in China for successive administrations of various ministries and departments to dismiss all incumbents in office when a new master takes the rein and to discredit his policy, the Greater Shanghai Municipality have retained many of the technical men whom Dr. Ting assembled for this purpose and they have continuously striven to bring to a consummation a clearly defined programme of municipal development in spite of local political difficulties.

It was Dr. Ting's idea that the logical development of Shanghai would not be in the Western but in the Eastern district, that the river front would move from Yangtszepoo Point towards Woosung and that as wharves and godowns were built there, factories and residences would follow. Furthermore, from the Chinese national standpoint, this district is particularly advantageous because it is largely undeveloped at the present time and, therefore, there would be little prospect of conflict with foreign interests.

The district selected, then, is an area of approximately four square miles bounded by the river from Yangtszepoo Point to Woosung, by the Yangtszepoo district of the International Settlement and the Shanghai-Woosung Railway. This district includes the Kiangwan Race Club and the Chinese Jockey Club and is already connected by several good roads built by previous and the present administrations. The principal highway at the present time is the Shanghai-Woosung Military Road built by General Lu Yung Hsiang when he was Defence Commissioner here. This is connected with several roads which tie up the entire area. Naturally as a city grows there, streets and avenues will be laid out so that the entire region becomes a beautiful and modern suburb of Shanghai—or, as those who plan it expect, it will be Shanghai and all else its suburb.

Extensive Zoning Scheme.

Already there are vast plans for zoning the entire region. One section will be devoted to wharves, godowns, factories, etc. It will be an industrial district. Close to it will be a commercial and financial district, through which will run a wide artery, in principle like Nanjing Road but actually vastly superior to it, for it will be a

modern street unhampered by land-lords who interfere with street widening plans. Besides, it will start correctly; there will be no ancient history to prevent modern buildings from replacing ramshackle huts.

There will be a residential zone, a garden city, with avenues shaded by lovely trees and houses separated from each other by pretty gardens. No slums will mar this model settlement and no Chinese food and fruit shops will pollute the atmosphere with rotting vegetation. All will be sanitary and clean, like a little German suburb, carefully guarded by a Department of Public Works and a Department of Health, whose eagle eye will mark down for slaughter every germ and mosquito that dares encroach upon its confines.

Finally, a civic centre will be marked off, perhaps adorned with a beautiful park, in which will be housed the Municipality and all its departments. Here the Government offices will also be erected—those that require space in Shanghai, and numerous public institutions, so that clustered about a park will be all the civil life of the community.

A Man's Reach.

There can be little question but that those who are planning this Model Settlement have studied municipal planning and have compared various efforts in Europe and America and that they will seek by every possible means to establish at least in this gateway to China a city which will be a pride to the entire country. Nor is it at all impossible that they may eventually succeed, for if once the protection to life and property which the International Settlement affords those who live in it is removed, there would be many advantages in living further down the river where the atmosphere is unpolluted by 80 years of habitation and activity. The financial questions involved in this development can be solved by the movement of buildings into the area when the time comes that there is no advantage in living out of it.

It is understood that a ban has been placed upon the sale or transfer of property in this region for the present in the hope of preventing profiteering during the interim period between the planning of the Model Settlement and its actual development. The advertisement with regard to the civil centre would seem to indicate that the Greater Shanghai Municipality regards the present as a suitable time to commence operations and that, at any rate, the municipality's buildings will be erected there shortly as a beginning of greater things to come.—*N.C. Daily News.*

THE MAN WITH A GILDED GRIN.

WANDLING A WAY ROUND THE WORLD.

Two years ago an American student named John Marshall walked out of the University of Chicago. He was twenty-one years old, and possessed of a gigantic grin, one dinner jacket, one pair of plus fours and an ambition to see the world.

To-day there are Eastern satraps, Russian commissars, Chinese district commissioners, railway chiefs throughout Europe, and the commander of a British gunboat who are wondering just how Mr. Marshall's grin got away with it.

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and crack air liners without its costing him one penny.

At times he has been in gaol, or, jeoparded, but always there has been some official to fund Mr. Marshall first-class "travelling" facilities (with meals).

"Oh! yes, I wangled myself aboard the British gunboat Tern on the Yangtze during the late scrap with the Chinese." He showed a scar on his hand: "That was a Chinese dum dum bullet."

In a Japanese Gaol.

"The Japanese put me in gaol, but I wangled my way out, and they handed me free travel (with meals) for 200 miles."

There is a box official at the Moscow Opera who is down ten roubles. Mr. Marshall had not the price of admittance, so ginned at him in Russian. "I got a seat in the front row," said Mr. Marshall.

"When are you going back, and what are you going to do?" asked a Press representative.

"I am going to write a book and then start on a trip to South America," said Mr. Marshall, "and as to getting back to the States—oh, I'll wangle that."

ENTER—THE TALKIES.

ILLUSION AND DISILLUSION AT THE QUEEN'S.

PRESS REHEARSAL OF "THE SINGING FOOL."

[BY OUR FILM CRITIC.]

Talking pictures, or more familiarly, "the talkies," have been a staple subject of conversation and argument from London to Tientsin for the last year and more, and argument has waxed most fiercely among those who knew nothing of the subject. Now Hong Kong is to have an opportunity of judging at first hand of their merits or demerits. "The Singing Fool," made to the glory of Al Jolson, will be publicly shown at the Queen's on Wednesday and for the remainder of the week, while the Press were admitted to a rehearsal yesterday morning, and having seen and heard it is a little easier to express an opinion than before.

Talkies are, of course, in their infancy, and the vitaphone not yet released from the swaddling clothes of the gramophone. It is impossible to predict with any certainty what the talking pictures of the future will be like, or even if they have any future. They probably bear at present about the same relationship to what they will be as the bioscope does to the modern silent film. The talking picture of to-day holds nearly as much disillusionment as pleased surprise. Its novelty is at once pleasing and displeasing, and it seems "neither fish, fowl, nor good red herring."

Just as you get used to the strain of trying to distinguish the words, as with an unfamiliar gramophone record, a caption is flashed onto the screen and the story is taken up for a period by silent shadows. This is familiar, comfortable and easy, you lean back and proceed to enjoy the picture. Then someone in the row behind exclaims "Not much talkie about this!" and immediately you feel that you are being given short weight.

Cinema goers will have to be educated to talking pictures before they can enjoy them to the full. This new technique will have to be approached in a new spirit according to a convention which must be learned and become familiar. "If you go to a stage play, or revue, you accept the fact that you may not hear all the words, that if you sit in the front stalls you will see a grotesque make-up, if among the gods, dwarfed figures, moving like marionettes in a square of bright light. At a silent film you accept the bodiless shadows, the lack of colour, the silence, and above all perhaps the ludicrously inadequate dialogue. But the talkie makes still other demands. You must accept inadequate dialogue, spoken with a thick American twang and reproduced with a gramophone blur, which holds up the action. You must be prepared to keep both eyes and ears alert and to accept the convention, not only that all but the principal characters are voiceless, but that these great ones cannot stand the strain of talking for more than a few moments at a time. In fact you must be ready to shift your scale of allowances—or accepted conventions—from the theatre to the cinema and back again half a dozen times in the space of half an hour. But all this can be learnt and will doubtless become an unthinking commonplace to the smallest child. In the early days of cinema adults found the silent films as bewildering and tiring as they now find the talkies, and it was very usual to hear a child acting as interpreter to its parents.

Excellent News Reel.

The programme which will be given on Wednesday starts with a Fox Movietone News Reel which is perhaps the best part of the entertainment. News Reels are always interesting—unless entirely concerned with the doings of the successful men of America—but they gain enormously by the introduction of incidental noises. The uncanny feeling of hearing the familiar hoot of a motor-car in a street scene, curiously enough seems to double its interest in forcing your attention. An enjoyable part of the whole entertainment, too, is the orchestra which is very well reproduced.

"The Singing Fool."

"The Singing Fool," which follows, was made obviously in order to give Al Jolson's popular songs to the screen. Considered as a film it is not particularly good, although Jolson himself acts well and his voice records considerably better than those of the other players. It is the old "Pazzia" or Jack Point theme, with plenty of "sob stuff" and not a little "S.A." Twice Mr. Jolson touches real tragedy but one scene—the death of his child—is quite unnecessarily drawn out and harrowing.

Few people will need any urging to taste their first talkie, but if any do I recommend them to visit (Continued at foot of next column.)



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HONG KONG POLICE RESERVE.

[ORDERS BY HON. MR. T. H. KING, ACTING CAPTAIN SUPERINTENDENT OF POLICE.]

Armistice Day.

The services of the following Police Reservists for duty in connection with the Armistice Day celebrations on Monday, November 11, are accepted, and they will report as under:—

CHINESE COMPANY.

Two sergeants and ten constables will report at Central at 9.30 a.m. to draw revolvers. Dress: White uniform, helmet, belt and truncheon to be worn.

INDIAN COMPANY.

Two sergeants and ten constables will report at Central at 9.30 a.m. to draw revolvers. Dress: White uniform, helmet, belt and truncheon to be worn.

FLYING SQUAD.

Twelve members of the Flying Squad will parade with their machines at Central at 10 a.m. to draw revolvers. Dress: Khaki uniform.

SHARPshooters' COMPANY.

Eight members of this Company will proceed direct to the stations allotted to them at the hour arranged. Dress: Khaki uniform, black belt with pouch and holster with revolver.

Chinese Company.

SQUAD DRILL.

All recruits of the Chinese Company will attend at Central Police Station on Thursday, November 7, at 5.30 p.m. sharp for squad drill under P/Serge. R. J. Hunt. Dress: Multi.

RIFLES AND BAYONETS.

All rifles and bayonets issued to members of the Chinese Company are to be returned to the Police Armoury for inspection and overhaul on Thursday, November 7, between the hours of 5.15 p.m. and 6 p.m. The Company's Equipment Officer will attend to check the numbers.

the Queen's for it is an experience which if not entirely pleasing is interesting and novel, and, if talkies have come to stay the sooner you get over the plunge the better. If they stay they will improve, but, however, great the improvement they will still be bewildering to the novice. "The Singing Fool" with Al Jolson as its hero and the popular "Sonny Boy" as its refrain is quite a good picture, though its 100 per cent. American flavour may not appeal to all of us. It gives out a good idea of what the "talkies" may do, one of these days, and England, we must remember, is going all out for them. When we hear the films with English voices and English sentiment, that will probably banish most of the doubts and make us extremely grateful to the Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., for their enterprising and expensive experiment.

Indian Company.

LEAVE.

Constable R309 Amas Dass has been granted ten months' leave of absence from the Colony as from November 8, 1929.

PARADE.

All ranks of the Indian Company are reminded of the parade to be held at Police Headquarters under P/Serge. R. J. Hunt on Tuesday, November 5, at 5.30 p.m. sharp.

RECRUITS PARADE.

All recruits of the Indian Company will attend Police Headquarters for squad drill under P/Serge. R. J. Hunt on Tuesday, November 12, at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress: Mufti.

Flying Squad.

STRENGTH.

Constable R324 P. A. Netland has been taken on the strength of the Flying Squad, as from November 1, 1929, and posted to the Hong Kong Section.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Kowloon Section will take place on Tuesday, November 5, Fall in at the Tsimshui Fire Brigade Station at 5.30 p.m. sharp. Dress: Khaki uniform.

The weekly instructional patrol of the Hong Kong Section will take place on Thursday, November 7, Fall in at the Central Police Station at 5.15 p.m. sharp. Dress: Khaki uniform.

Sharpshooters' Company.

LEAVE.

Constable R430 J. C. L. Wong has been granted three months' leave of absence from the Colony as from October 28, 1929.

REVOLVER PRACTICE.

The next regular revolver practice will take place at the Kennedy Road Range on Sunday, November 24, at 10 a.m. Bells and holsters to be worn.

ARMS LICENCES.

Those members who are not yet in possession of arms licences (whether for private or police arms) are requested to obtain same at once, as arms will, in future, be held on licence only.

Sd. W. KENT, A.S.P., Adjutant.

Hong Kong, November 4, 1929.

CROP DAMAGE IN MANCHURIA.

Mukden.—The seven districts in Senyangshien (districts) in Mukden province drained by the Liao River have an area of over 400,000 mu of arable land. Crops planted in the spring suffered from too much rain, but there was still hope of harvesting early. In the summer, however, continuous rain for three weeks set in and the Liao River overflowed its banks causing heavy damage to villages, towns and crops.

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LULL BEFORE THE STORM.

ALL READY ON THE KWEI RIVER.

CHEN MING SHU FLIES TO WUCHOW.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, November 4. General Chen Ming Shu, Chairman of the Civil Administration of Kwangtung, went to Wuchow yesterday morning by the aeroplane "Golden Steed," leaving here at 8.40 a.m. and arriving at 9.50 a.m. The "Golden Steed" is the property of the Yunnan Government, and attached to the 10th Military Route. It was piloted by Mr. Liu Pooi Tsun, a Yunnanese flyer.

General Chen Ming Shu is reported to be in conference with Generals Chen Tsai Tong, Lui Woon Im, and others on the campaign against the "Ironsides." General Chen will later visit places of strategic interest along the Si Kiang and Kwei Kiang, but he expects to return to Canton in the course of the next two or three days.

DEFENCES AGAINST THE "IRONSIDES."

General Chen Tsai Tong is to remain in Wuchow for some time yet. A dispatch states that the defences against the "Ironsides" along the Kwei River are rapidly being completed and everything is ready to meet the enemy.

Following the departure of the 60th Division under Tsoi Ting Kai from Wuchow to Pinglok and Kweilin one regiment of the 63rd Division under Li Yang King is to leave Canton for Wuchow to take over garrison duties there. The regiment leaves Canton to-day going to Samshui by train and the rest of the way by junks and gunboats.

ALL QUIET IN THE CITY.

In spite of the war and the generally disturbed conditions in Central China, Canton is comparatively quiet. Business appears to be going on as usual, although rumours about this and that are current. But the Government banknotes still decline in value, to-day's quotation being only 71.

A BIG BANG!

A sensation was created last night when a hand-grenade suddenly exploded in a public lavatory in Ho Poon Street, West. Two men were inside at the time, but though terribly scared, they escaped unscathed. No arrests have been made, but the police believe that the outrage was the work of the Communists, and a further search has been instituted.

One ingenious explanation is that a Communist had the bomb there, intending to return for it later.

People in the district were very frightened and rushed out onto the street. The police, however, soon had the situation in hand and explained that no Red upheaval had started.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MORE INTERPORT HISTORY

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONG KONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—Reading your article to-day, and as one who saw the memorable match in 1903 when Hong Kong won by an innings and a few runs, I would like to recall the fine innings of Lieut. Lumsden, who made a dashing 130. Perhaps the most interesting part about it was that the young officer had only arrived in the Colony a week prior to the match, and, as was seen by the result, his last minute selection was indeed a wise one.

It is now six-and-twenty years since that game, but I am sure the triangular tournament which opens on Tuesday will be played in the same spirit as was that game—
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FIERCE STRUGGLE WITH REDS.

EAST RIVER TOWN ATTACKED.

PLUCKY DEFENCE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, Nov. 4. The campaign against the Communists in the East River districts and on the Fuki-Kwangtung border is meeting with considerable success, according to an official communique from Swatow, received to-day. Much of the lost area, including Sheung Hang in southern Fukien and Tai Po in north-eastern Kwangtung, has been recovered. A fierce attack by the Reds on Mui Yuen, an important city, was successfully repulsed. Some 6,000 armed Communists under Chu Tak and Mo Chak Tung advanced against the city from three directions and the garrison were greatly outnumbered. But after an all-night battle the invaders were beaten off and driven back into the mountains. The commander of the garrison, Captain Tang, was wounded in the mouth, and the second in command and over forty of the defenders were killed. The casualties of the outlaws are said to amount to several hundred.

Major-General Chiang Kuang Nai is in charge of the bandit-Communist suppression campaign in eastern Kwangtung and is doing good work.

EUROPEAN WILLS.

MR. ALEXANDER DONALDSON.

ENGINEER OF ILL-FATED LEUNG KWONG.

A local shipping disaster is recalled by the will of Mr. Alexander Donaldson proved in the Supreme Court. He was chief engineer on the s.s. Leung Kwong and was one of the casualties when that vessel sank after collision with the steam launch Moon Shine at Capesumun Pass on May 9, 1927.

Testator, whose address is given as 320, Ferrars Street, Albert Park, Victoria, Australia, appointed by his will his brother, Mr. Henry Campbell Donaldson, of 18, Rhodes Street, West Ryde, near Sydney, as one of the executors and sole beneficiary.

Acting as attorney for the executor, the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shen-ton has been granted letters of administration with will annexed.

Mrs. Louisa Coxon.

Resealing of probate of will and oodiel has been granted to Mr. D. J. Lewis, solicitor, Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, in the estate of Mrs. Louisa Coxon, widow, who died at "Fleek" Berrow Road, Burnham, Somerset, on July 1, 1929.

Testator left estate in the Colony assessed at under \$64,000, and net personal estate in England worth £70,201. Bequests are made to members of the family.

MISSIONARIES ENGAGED.

TWO FORTHCOMING WEDDINGS.

Marriage announcements at the local Registry include two in which the parties are missionaries.

Mr. George Edward Roffe, of Luang Prabang Laos, French Indo-China, is engaged to Miss Thelma Whitehouse Mole, of Orlando, Florida, U.S.A.

Miss Celma May Ailshouse is to be the bride of Mr. Herman Henry Hazlett. Both are resident in Tourane, Annam.

really fine sporting spirit, fully deserving the name of cricket. Yours, etc.

"HAS BEEN."

Hong Kong, Nov. 4.

YOUNG ENGLISHMAN MISSING.

DISAPPEARED LAST THURSDAY.

Some apprehension and a great deal of speculation has been caused by the strange disappearance of a young Englishman who has been in the Colony for about a month, during which time he has made quite a number of friends.

The missing man, whose name is given as Thornton Clough, age 27, was recently introduced to Mr. Fordor, of Messrs. Whiteaway & Laidlaw, residing at 213, Kowloon Tong, by Mr. Chan, of the Pioneer Store of Kowloon Tong, who recommended Mr. Clough as a very respectable young friend from Shanghai.

Mr. Clough arranged to stay a week at Mr. Fordor's residence and stated that he was a dentist with a successful practice in Shanghai. He was on a visit to Hong Kong and would like to exchange his practice for one in Hong Kong. Mr. Fordor told our representative that his visitor was an extremely pleasant fellow well dressed and well spoken. He appeared very happy at Mr. Fordor's house and the week's visit lengthened into a month.

No Trace.

Suddenly the visitor disappeared. He did not return to the house again after going out on Thursday at 9 a.m. Mr. Fordor experienced considerable anxiety and waited up for Mr. Clough until the early hours. His belongings were left but their owner has not returned, nor has any trace of him been found.

Mr. Fordor told our representative that a rather heavy wind was blowing on Thursday night, and he was afraid that Mr. Clough had attempted to cross the harbour in a sampan or some other unstable craft and had met with an accident.

The police were informed, but their investigations have so far met with no result at all and up a late hour last night no further news had been received at the police stations.

RUTH VAN VALEY COMPANY.

JOLLY EVENING AT THE STAR.

We were glad to welcome the Ruth Van Valey Company back to the Star Theatre last night. This talented troupe had a great success the one night they appeared in that theatre before they went to Manila and they have returned with an added sparkle—if this is possible—to find a circle of old admirers and draw new friends who left last night very well contented with the fare offered them.

Len Ayres opened the bill. He calls himself a talkative trickster and rightly so for it was, we suspect, the quickness of his tongue even more than the quickness of his hand which deceived the eye!

Two ladies took his place, Esther Van Valey and Kathryn Scott, whose music is of a far higher order than that usually found in a revue company. But this was only the beginning of a good entertainment of which the *pièce de resistance* was to be the delightful dancing of Miss Ruth Van Valey herself. A delicious absurdity provided by Rex Storey and Rose Lee, some really good juggling by "Dr. Forster," song, dance, and playlet, and a clever marionette show, all added fresh leaves to the Company's laurels. After a most enjoyable evening we have the greatest pleasure in recommending the Ruth Van Valey Company to anyone in search of a pleasant evening, and those who go once will want to return, especially as new turns every evening are promised.

ROUND THE COURTS.

YOUTHFUL SNATCHER CAUGHT.

At about 4 p.m. on Saturday, a Chinese youth snatched a jade and gold bangle from the wrist of a child who was playing outside his home in Wellington Street. The child's mother seeing the theft from the verandah gave the alarm and several people chased to the young thief, who was eventually arrested. The bangle, however, was not found on him and it is believed that he had passed it on to an accomplice before he was seized.

Brought before Mr. A. W. G. H. Grantham yesterday, the youth was ordered to receive twelve strokes with the cane.

PICKPOCKET ADMITS GUILT.

When a Chinese youth was charged before Mr. Grantham yesterday with picking the pocket of another youth and stealing \$18, he pleaded guilty and added that he had nothing more to say.

Inspector R. Shannon said that the complainant was walking in Chin Leen Street and had the money in the lower right hand pocket of his jacket. He took out 20 cents to make a purchase and his notes showed over the edge of his pockets. The complainant a little later felt a tug at his pocket and was just in time to catch the defendant as he was trying to make off with the money.

The Magistrate ordered the youth to receive twelve strokes with the rattan and to undergo Police supervision for twelve months. His record showed that he had received twelve strokes with the cane as recently as Thursday last.

AN ALLEGED SNATCHER.

Mr. F. C. E. Rendall asked for a remand yesterday in a case in which Chinese is alleged to have attempted to snatch a basket from Miss B. de Souza while the latter was walking Central Market on Saturday evening.

Miss Souza was accompanied by her sister at the time and they both raised an alarm when the alleged attempt was made.

On the ground that he was not fully acquainted with the facts of the case, Mr. Rendall pleaded for an adjournment which was granted.

RETURN OF THE NATIVE.

Banished from the Colony several times during the last few years, a Chinese was again found in the Colony last week and was brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton yesterday. He was sentenced yesterday to three months' hard labour, the Magistrate adding that he did not see why ratepayers should have to keep the man any longer than that.

WOMAN SMUGGLER.

A Chinese woman who was searched as she came off the s.s. "Tai Lee" was found to have 64 tablets of prepared opium hidden in a specially made coat which she was wearing next to her skin. She was fined \$1,600 or six months' hard labour.

FATHERS' PLEA FOR LENIENCY.

One of the two young Chinese who were recently convicted by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistracy of stealing, was before his Worship again yesterday. The defendant, who had then claimed to be only sixteen, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment with hard labour, it being decided that he was actually older than he looked.

A letter signed by the boy's father was handed to his Worship who remarked that he was quite willing to believe that the boy was only 16, although he looked much older.

Confining the Magistrate said that if the boy was found to be unfit for the birch, he would not reduce the sentence. He ordered the boy to receive 12 strokes of the birch.

The boy's father, asked if his Worship could see his way to reducing the penalty to six strokes.

His Worship: No, I cannot. The Magistrate pointed out that type of theft—going up a common stairway and stealing clothing—had to stop.

The defendant was convicted of stealing a bedspread from Mrs. Armstrong of Cameron Road.

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FAULTY BRAKES.

LORRY AND 'BUS DRIVERS FINED.

Following a strict testing of vehicles on the Castle Peak Road, by Sub-Inspector Mason, the Police Mechanic, a number of lorry and 'bus drivers appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistracy on charges of having faulty brakes. None of the defendants could give a satisfactory explanation and the Magistrate imposed heavy fines.

Both Brakes Useless.

In the case of a Chung Mei 'Bus driver, Inspector Mason told the Magistrate that he found both brakes useless. The tests were made at a speed of 15 miles per hour. The foot brake (a four-wheel brake) worked on the servo system, took 52 feet to stop the 'bus. The hand brake, operating on two wheels, required 66 feet in which to stop the 'bus. Inspector Mason remarked that a large quantity of oil had been allowed to accumulate on the brake drum, thus making the brake to be practically inoperative.

In reply to the Magistrate, defendant said that the machine was an old one. He was aware of the defects and had handed the 'bus over the firm's mechanic to be fixed.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$25.

63 Feet on Hand Brake.

A Ford lorry driver, whose machine took 63 feet to pull up on the hand brake alone, was fined \$20. The foot brake was stated to be in a fairly good condition. The defendant said that he was not the regular driver of this lorry.

Public Vehicle Drivers.

Two public vehicle drivers also appeared on similar charges. The first defendant's car took 61 feet to come to a standstill using the foot brake, but the hand brake was all right. Inspector Mason remarked that this defendant's vehicle was also affected by oil which had been allowed to accumulate on the brake.

The other defendant was stated to have been recently stopped on the Castle Peak Road and his brakes were faulty. He was ordered to have them seen to at once. Later in the afternoon, he was seen again on the road by Inspector Mason who stopped him and found the brakes still in the same condition.

Both defendants were fined \$25.

"So Fast Down the Hill."

Traffic Sergeant Scrim summoned the driver of a lorry for exceeding the speed limit. Sergeant Scrim said that he followed the defendant's vehicle down Lai Lok Hill at 25 m.p.h. and carried on at 30 m.p.h. The proper speed limit was 12 m.p.h. The defendant pleaded guilty and said that he had not noticed the speed of the machine as it went so fast down the hill. A fine of \$15 was imposed.

STABBED WITH A PENKNIFE.

A coolie appeared before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith for assaulting another man with a penknife and inflicting a wound in the arm.

Sub-Inspector Hoare told the Magistrate that the two men quarrelled over a debt and the defendant used a penknife which he afterwards threw away. The defendant had previously been bound over for stealing.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$50 or one month's imprisonment.

WOMAN-OWNER OF DISTILLERY CHARGED.

Mr. H. A. Taylor, of the Revenue Department, charged a Chinese woman, described as the licensee of the Ting Cheung Distillery, before Mr. Whyte Smith with conspiracy to defraud the Revenue by the improper use of labels and passes issued by the Department.

Two Chinese connected with the distillery have already been charged, and the woman was remanded until December 4, when the case against all three defendants will be opened. They will be defended by Mr. Hin Shing Lo.

POSSESSION OF ARMS.

Another woman was charged with possession of two automatic pistols and 102 rounds of ammunition. Mr. Leo d'Almada, Esq., appeared on her behalf and asked for a date to be fixed for the hearing. The case was adjourned until Thursday.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 3.30 p.m., stated:—

The anticyclone remains over S. Japan and fresh monsoon will prevail along the South-East Coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Local Forecast:—N.E. winds, fresh, fair.

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PACIFIC NAVAL BASES.

The fate of European peace is said to hang on the result of Anglo-American naval negotiations. Observers of international politics say that never before has Europe been so ready for a movement in either direction—towards peace or towards war. The decisions of half a dozen peoples and Governments may rest on the recent conversations between President Hoover and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald. In France, Germany, Poland, Hungary, Austria, Yugoslavia, and Italy, to name only some of them, eyes and ears are strained towards Washington and London. If what is said and done by the Prime Minister and the President foreshadows lasting Anglo-American concord and co-operation with others for the establishment of peace, it is believed the world may yet see that seething cauldron of potential trouble, Europe, finally quelled: By what a narrow margin such an Anglo-American agreement may have averted danger in Europe may then be known.

The recent outbreaks of "national" fanaticism in Germany are but one symptom of what might have been. The threats of civil war in Austria are another. Poland has been cultivating the good graces of a Hungary bent on prompt "treaty revision," and Hungary has been assiduous in her attention to Italy. Yugoslavia has been weighing a dictatorship against democracy. France is still bewildered by the fall of the Baldwin Cabinet. She is wondering whether Britain's example may not cause the whole Continent to move "towards the Left." Everywhere calculations have been upset by British national support of the MacDonald Cabinet. All attempts seriously to reduce naval armaments have been blocked since 1922 by Anglo-American differences. Now that these are within sight or removal, diplomatic quarrels are wondering how their removal will affect nations which have alleged the impossibility of removing them as a reason for not reducing armies.

An aspect of the situation which has rather more local interest in this part of the world is whether the present status of fortifications and naval bases in the Pacific is likely to be modified as a result of the forthcoming five-Power naval conference. In the preliminaries to the conference neither the United States nor any other Pacific-Power, so far as is known, has yet raised any question concerning the agreement incorporated in Article XIX. of the five-Power naval treaty of 1922. The question of fortifying the Philippines has not been considered at Washington, and the very scanty unofficial discussion of this theme has not even made the question a political issue. American officials have received no queries about the matter, and no reports to indicate that any other country was dissatisfied with the status quo. In these circumstances, they see no reason to anticipate any discussion of the subject at the forthcoming five-Power conference. Japan's intentions have been to seek a better ratio in ships, but it is not believed Japan is dissatisfied with the existing agreement concerning naval bases and fortifications. This agreement, adopted in 1922, provided that there would be no new fortifications or naval bases and no increases in coast defenses in the following regions:—(1) The insular possessions which the United States now hold or may hereafter acquire in the Pacific Ocean, except (a) those adjacent to the coast of the United States, Alaska, and the

Panama Canal zone, not including the Aleutian Islands, and (b) the Hawaiian Islands; (2) Hong Kong and the insular possessions which the British Empire now holds or may hereafter acquire in the Pacific Ocean, east of the meridian of 110 degrees East longitude, except (a) those adjacent to the coast of Canada, (b) the Commonwealth of Australia and its territories, and (c) New Zealand; (3) the following insular territories and possessions of Japan in the Pacific Ocean, to wit: the Kurile Islands, the Bonin Islands, Amami-Oshima, the Loo-Choo Islands, Formosa, and the Pescadores, and any insular territories or possessions in the Pacific Ocean which Japan may hereafter acquire.

This 1922 arrangement is generally considered to have worked very well in practice, and has been a factor in allaying international suspicions and rivalries. Somewhat contrary to naval opinions existent prior to 1922, American experts are not primarily preoccupied about the fate of the Philippines in the event of possible warfare, but are more interested in the economic strengthening of the Islands, which they believe would rebound to the welfare of all American interests in the Far East, and would be a stabilizing factor in the international politics of the Orient. The assertion of Japanese officials that Japan does not cherish either present or future aggressive aspirations concerning the Philippines is accepted at Washington in good faith; and it is believed that Japan sees a greater interest in the commerce which would result from a general increase in the wealth and prosperity of the Islands. Similarly, China is known to appreciate the potentially larger commercial opportunities in the Philippines of the future. Oriental nations are disposed to accept the enlightened idea, developed from the post-war experience of Europe, that each country in the long run will benefit through the wealth, prosperity, and welfare of its neighbors. Consistent with this idea, the thought gains ground that if the industrial resources and agricultural productivity of the Philippines can be accomplished by the legitimate and harmonious efforts of the United States and the Philippines Government, the improved situation will react favorably upon the general commercial and political affairs of the Far East.

News and Views.

The total rainfall for the month of October was .11 of an inch. On the 1st there was .08 of an inch and on the 7th .03 of an inch.

In commemoration of the anniversary of the Italian Armistice Day a squad from the Italian gunboat Sebastiano Cabotta laid a wreath on the Cenotaph at 2.30 p.m. yesterday afternoon.

Owing to the visit of the French tennis stars the Ladies' Recreation Club at Home will be held on Thursday, instead of to-day, as previously arranged.

Silk forwarded from here by Empress of Russia on October 9 arrived in New York (St. John's Park) on October 30 having been 21 days in transit.

In the Cathedral Hall this afternoon at 5.30 H.E. Sir Cecil Clementi will address the Hong Kong branch of the English Association, the title of his lecture being "The Story of the Word 'Tea'."

The October issue of the St. John Ambulance Gazette contains a portrait of Private Lau Kau of the Hong Kong Railway Division of St. John Ambulance Brigade (Overseas) who was awarded the Bellicia Medal for saving the life of a woman at Fanning Station.

A report was made by the Standard Oil Tanker "Yankee Arrow" on arrival at Manila that the master, Captain I. Anderson, had mysteriously disappeared when the ship was about 1,400 miles from port. Suicide is suspected.

The famous Longchamps race-course, in Paris has been the scene of some bitter disputes at the finish, so the stewards have decided to install a camera in the judges' stand and hereafter the results of every race will be photographed. The pictures will be developed immediately and can be studied by any dissatisfied plunger.

The gorgeous costumes of "Carmen" and "Faust," the golden helmets, armour and spears of "Aida," all piled higgledy-piggledy on a Bucharest main street, was the sight which greeted Rumanians on their way to work recently. The costumes formed part of the "props" of the National Opera Company which had been evicted from the opera-house for failure to pay its rent. The opera-house is a privately-owned building, and when the Government failed to pay 4,000,000 lei in rent arrears, the owner obtained a Court ejectment order, and forthwith had costumes and scenery bundled out on to the street.

During the cruise of H.M.A.S. Australia to the New Hebrides and New Caledonia she was given an exacting speed trial. The result, it was learned on the return of the flagship to Sydney, was quite up to expectations. Without any difficulty the Australia steamed at more than 32 knots for four hours. In her commissioning trials, run on the Clyde, the cruiser registered 31.5 knots.

M. Paderewski, the famous pianist and former President of Poland, had a sudden attack of acute appendicitis in his villa at Morges, near Geneva recently. He was rushed in a motor-ambulance to a nursing home belonging to a famous Swiss surgeon, Dr. Roux, of Lausanne, and an operation was performed immediately. It was later stated that the operation was completely successful, and that up to the present there are no signs of any complications. M. Paderewski is sixty-nine years of age, and made his first appearance on a London concert platform in 1890.

A remarkable hoax was revealed recently in a ballot to choose the Beauty Queen for the Misses of the Carnival. Girls were asked to send photographs to the carnival committee, when the six prettiest would be selected for publication. The public were then asked to vote for the prettiest girl. Before the ballot closed, a competitor, who had obtained a large number of votes, was found to be a young married man dressed in girl's clothes. His photograph shows him as a striking and attractive young woman, with bare arms and dressed in the latest fashion. "Her" hair is blown cropped, with a waving fringe over the forehead.

The dispute between the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the National Union of General and Municipal Workers as to what happens to barge children was carried a stage further last month. The dispute originated through a report in which Captain Hugh F. Clark, of the N.S.P.C.C., was quoted as having said, "The society has definite proof that children were being sold by barges to-day." In reply to a protest from Mr. W. Thorne, M.P., general secretary of the union, the N.S.P.C.C. report that barges' children are not sold but frequently given away to other barges to work on boats. It is stated that Captain Clark did not use the word "sold," but said that children were "disposed of."

Beautiful But Ill Omened.

A Canton paper relates the life history of a young and pretty woman of twenty-eight who was married and widowed six times and then ended her own life. When seventeen she found herself an orphan alone in the world and she married a village school teacher. Her husband was accidentally killed a year later. She then married the village doctor but he became ill and died. Her third venture was another school teacher in Canton but he fell in love with a rival and abandoned his real wife. The fourth time, she married a soldier who was killed in battle. She then married a merchant who was drowned. Her last husband was a bad character who tried to sell her to a house of ill fame but she managed to escape. She then decided to marry no more. One evening, she slipped out to the northern outskirts and hanged herself on a tree. The dead body was found the next morning and a friend related her life story to the Pressmen who were at the scene of the tragedy.

Artists in Paris.

The historic Palais-Royal, once the dwelling of French kings, and later the fashionable site of gambling-rooms, jewellery shops, and fine restaurants, may be turned into a new quarter for painters, if the project of two Montparnasse artists is realised. Virtually deserted by the Parisians and bereft of all its former glory, the spacious palace, with its great central court, is set forth as the ideal place for painters, inasmuch as the central arcades are formed of rows of little shops where the paintings could be exposed and put up for sale, each artist or school having its own store. The hundreds of apartments in the old palace could be turned over to the artists and their families, and the spacious garden which is now almost deserted, could afford an ideal promenade for those frequenting the artist's colony. It is pointed out that the painters colony at Montparnasse is so choked up with "hobohemians," tourists, and sight-seers, that it is no longer possible to paint there. They need to acquire the old Palais-Royal is money. A movement has been started among French archaeologists to investigate the report that the mummy of Cleopatra lies buried in the garden of the Bibliothéque Nationale. It is recorded in the library that Napoleon brought back the mummy of Cleopatra from Egypt, and that along with others it was put in the vaults of the National Library. The dampness of the cellars, however, is said to have caused the removal of these ancient relics to a more sanitary burial place in the ground. Records will be studied in support of the Egyptian queen's identity.

Judo in India.

Shinzo Takagaki, a judo expert, and one of the judges at the Kodokan, Tokyo, is leaving for India to teach Japanese amateur judo at the University of Calcutta and other educational institutions under the management of the Indian poet, Rabindranath Tagore. Mr. Takagaki is expected to arrive in Calcutta on November 20 aboard the O.S.K. steamer Seattle Maru. Negotiations to invite the Japanese expert to Indian colleges were started by Dr. Tagore during the Indian poet's stay in Japan on his second time ago. Mr. Takagaki will stay in India as instructor for two years, it is reported, and will receive Yen 15,000 for the period. He will be joined by his wife and three children later.

Victoria, B.C. and the Orient.

In view of the increasing number of China and Japan residents who have settled down in Victoria, British Columbia, suggestions were put forward for the formation of a club or association to enable these folk to meet on common ground, and maintain old friendships and associations. As a result of these suggestions, a meeting was held on October 15 at the house of Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Birnie, formerly of Yokohama. The meeting was presided over by Mr. J. N. Hatch, formerly of Tientsin, and there were present a considerable number of former residents of China, Hong Kong, and Japan, and it was decided to form the China-Japan Society of Victoria, British Columbia. All old Far Eastern residents, including ladies, are eligible for membership. Members of the Society will meet at frequent intervals at tiffin, and one of the objects of the Society will be to entertain prominent persons from the Orient who may be passing through Victoria. Mrs. C. H. Rutherford, of the Secretariat Apartments, and Mr. H. P. King, of 234, Burdick Avenue, Oak Bay, Victoria, have consented to act as honorary secretaries, and will be pleased to hear from ladies and gentlemen who contemplate passing through.

Looking Back 25 Years.

The Bill authorising the construction of a tramway to the upper levels, with a terminus in the Peak district, was read a second time on Thursday, in the Legislative Council. The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, who introduced the Bill, explained the object of the measure, described the route it was proposed to take, and said that it would open up an entirely new district, and was not intended to come into opposition with the existing Peak Tramway. He pointed out with great force and clearness that the new line would be a boon to residents on all the upper levels in the centre of the city, who at present are absolutely dependent on the capricious and exacting chair-coolies. The Hon. Gershom Stewart, in seconding the motion, also dwelt on this phase of the question, and expressed a very decided opinion that the new tramway would enable residents on the Caine, Robinson, and Conduit Roads, and in Queen's Gardens, to reduce the very heavy expenses involved in climbing to those levels. Both speakers were also sanguine that the growth of the traffic will very soon be sufficient to keep both lines fully employed; and Sir Paul Chater dipping a little into the future, predicted that two other tramways, one to the Magazine Gap and the other, from the Western extremity of Bonham Road, up the slopes to Hong West, would eventually afford access to what will be the main residential districts for the British and foreign population. No doubt this is looking a little far ahead, but, having due regard to what has already happened within the last twenty years, it is not, we think, at all unduly sanguine, provided, of course, that the commercial progress of the Colony receives no unforeseen and unlooked-for setback.—Hong Kong Daily Press, November 5, 1904.

Looking Back 50 Years.

The appointments of Envoys abroad, and the practical abrogation of the enactment against emigration together constitute pretty good proof that China has accepted the logic of events, and in part, at all events, has abandoned the policy of isolation and exclusiveness to which she clung so tenaciously for centuries. At the same time, it will be as well for people of too sanguine a temperament to note that, while the Chinese Government has thus made an advance in one direction, it has been led to do so more by the force of circumstances than of its own free will. As a matter of fact, Chinese officials are no more prepared to open up the Empire to foreign commerce than they were in the time of Taou-Kwang. They are, however, wiser than their predecessors, having the light of experience to guide them, and plainly see that the expulsion of foreigners from the sacred shores of the Celestial Empire is not to be effected by force of arms at any rate for years to come. But they will certainly do what in them lies to render the residence of foreigners in China profitable, and against the restrictions of the Treaty, venturous restrictions on trade, and combinations by native guilds, the foreign merchant will in future have to contend.—Hong Kong Daily Press, November 5, 1879.

PASSENGERS.

Arrivals.

The following passengers arrived yesterday by the R.M.S. Empress of France from Vancouver and the North:—Mrs. H. M. Birkett, Mr. A. E. Brearley, Rev. J. N. and Mrs. Carpenter, Mr. J. Coulthart, Mr. G. and Mrs. Danbar, Mr. F. B. Denon, Dr. O. O. Donelan, Mrs. E. Durlinger, Mr. D. M. Mrs., and Miss Goodall, Mr. C. M. Hall, Mr. T. H. Mrs., and Miss Haggas; Mr. J. D. Humphreys, Mrs. R. A. Leiter, Mrs. R. Lorigan, Mr. R. J. and Mrs. Matthias, Mr. G. C. Moxon, Mr. Eldon and Mrs. Potter, Mrs. G. Romer, Miss A. Baeich, Mrs. W. Street, Mrs. E. C. Springett, Mrs. E. Master G. and Miss E. Elkington, Mr. A. H. Theroux, Mr. C. Thwaites, Mr. G. F. and Mrs. Ware, Dr. S. P. and Miss Spencer, Mrs. C. M. Hall, Mr. R. and Mrs. Garnett, Mr. E. Sandler, Sir Shouson Chow, Miss E. Hayward, Mr. H. and Miss Codiet, Mr. R. and Mrs. Rodell, Mr. J. Brugnon, Mr. P. Landry, Mr. J. Parisot, Mr. E. L. Allen, Mr. J. F. Acheson, Mr. E. Abraham, Mr. J. H. Boylan, Mrs. D. B. Bowles, Mr. E. G. Barnes, Mrs. T. K. and Master Burgess, Mrs. B. D. F. and Miss Both, Master Both, Mrs. Marques, Mr. A. Botton, Mr. B. Balthasar, Mr. W. Bader, Mr. W. and Mrs. Crawford, Mr. A. Covey, Surgeon Lt.-Comdr. J. E. Clerk, Mr. P. P. Chow, Mr. C. C. and Mrs. Chow, Mr. H. K. Chow, Mr. P. C. Chen, Mr. Y. M. Chen, Mr. K. T. Chu, Mr. W. F. and Mrs. Chan, Mrs. F. S. Cheng, Capt. H. Durlinger, Mr. J. Drum, Mr. G. R. Elliott, Dr. E. W. and Mrs. Fiedt, Mr. C. C. Graham, Mrs. S. K. Horn, Mr. W. Hogger, Miss J. S. Harvie, Mr. C. H. Howard, Mr. C. M. H. Mr. C. H. Ho, Mr. W. Housins, Miss D. Inglis, Mr. J. H. Jessen, Sir Ely Kadourie, Mr. Kwam Fong, Mr. D. W. Leach, Mr. J. H. and Mrs. Liang, Master and Master Liang, Mr. S. C. Low, Miss M. Lee, Miss M. Lee and infant, Mrs. Y. Y. Lee, Mrs. Y. Y. Lee, Mrs. Y. H. Lee, Mrs. Y. P. and Miss N. Leung, Mrs. J. MacGillivray.

SHANGHAI "MALAYA."

The first Cricket Interport, Shanghai v. Malaya, starts on the H.K.C.C. ground to-day at 10.30 a.m.

A special descriptive report, by Mr. R. Abbit, of the day's play will appear in to-morrow's "Daily Press."

Capt. A. K. MacEwan, Mrs. H. M. MacKenzie, Mr. C. G. and Mrs. Melchers, Capt. R. M. J. Martin, Mr. H. Mercey, Mr. T. Madar, Mr. P. Madar, Mr. F. E. T. Marshall, Mrs. H. S. Minion, Mr. V. E. O'Hara, Mr. H. E. Orr, Mr. V. and Mrs. Priestwood, Mr. A. J. Percival, Mr. W. M. Pench, Mr. C. H. and Mrs. Pun, Mrs. and Miss Pun, Mr. A. W. Rynall, Mr. A. B. R. and Mrs. Richard, Mrs. M. Rowthorne, Mr. T. L. Rowthorne, Mr. J. E. Salmon, Mr. W. Y. Some, Mr. G. C. Shenherd, Mr. C. J. Smith, Mr. L. F. Stokes, Mr. P. V. Schubert, Mr. T. B. Sparks, Mr. S. Stafford, Mr. S. B. Tong, Mr. D. Z. Tong, Mrs. H. Tong, Mrs. C. O. Cole, Mr. S. K. Ting, Mr. G. C. Wilkes, Mr. T. W. R. Wilson, Mrs. W. W. and Mrs. K. Kad, Mr. T. F. and Mrs. Wong, Mr. K. W. Wu, Mr. T. L. Wong, Mr. C. K. Wong, Mr. Wong, Mr. Y. M. Yik, Mr. T. K. and Mrs. Yip, Mr. C. M. Yang, Mr. S. H. Yen, Mr. T. O. Chen, Mr. E. L. Kilbourne, Mr. S. S. and Mrs. Tai, Miss Tong, Miss B. Calkins, Miss E. L. Anderson, Miss F. Clearhise, Capt. and Mrs. Cave, Mrs. J. Cave, Miss N. E. Lewis, Father L. P. Levesque, Father C. Belanger, Father L. Oliver, Rev. Bro. Titbits, Miss T. Mole, Miss C. B. Wood, Mr. F. A. and Mrs. Brown, Mr. A. Heim, Mr. T. S. Hsia, Mr. W. H. and Mrs. Anderson, Mr. O. Cohen, Mr. J. Casson, Mrs. G. V. and Mrs. W. A. Hastings, Mrs. W. Ihotak and infant, Mr. J. C. Merchant, Mr. M. D. and Mrs. Royer, Mr. J. and Mrs. Rosenthal, Mr. F. B. Richards, Mr. J. T. S. and Mrs. Reed, Miss Joan and Master John Reed, Mr. C. E. Steele, Mr. V. G. and Mrs. Alcide, Miss, Miss and Master Alcide, and infant, Miss J. P. Crighton, Mr. P. Canters, Mr. E. Evensen, Mr. D. M. and Mrs. Simclair.

The following passengers arrived here by the s.s. Tandia from Melbourne:—Mrs. E. A. Probert, Miss E. Probert, Mr. E. J. Crokan, Mr. P. Tsui, Master Lee Yun Shu, Mr. and Mrs. Hartley, Miss J. Elliott, Miss K. J. Scott, Mr. T. Herbert, Mr. Jack Medford, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mantell, Mr. J. R. Hartley, Miss M. C. Hickson, Mr. and Mrs. Dowling and two children, Miss C. Sim, Mrs. C. Boesw, Mrs. C. M. Olsen, Mrs. D. M. Crallan, Mrs. A. Dawson, Mrs. C. Bamford, Miss E. M. Edmondson, Mr. A. M. Hyde, Mr. and Mrs. C. Bromby, Mr. and Mrs. MacGillivray, Rev. and Mrs. Eaton and two children, Miss M. A. Edwards, Mr. L. Schevran, Miss B. S. Rasey, Mr. K. Tono, Mrs. Tono, and Miss Taka Nichi.

CHINESE TO OPEN
OFFENSIVE?SIGNIFICANT MESSAGE
FROM HARBIN.

SAFETY OF FOREIGNERS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Tokyo, November 4.

It is learned from Harbin that the Consular Body met for the purpose of considering a Chinese Note, according to which the Chinese are no longer able to guarantee the safety of foreigners in the Manchul and Pogranichnaya districts.

It is generally believed in Harbin that this denotes that the Chinese are shortly intending to open an offensive against the Soviet troops.

FIGHTING IN THE
NORTH.SITUATION REMAINS
OBSCURE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Shanghai, November 4.

A Hankow report says that the pro-Government force at Sinyeh, in South Honan, has gone over to the enemy, and is marching to join the Kuomintang, who are threatening Luohokow. It is stated that the Kuomintang has already occupied Yunyang, where it is probable they will await further reinforcements, as Government concentrations at Luohokow, Siangyang, and Fancheng are very strong in numbers, and are well dug in.

Meanwhile, no further news has come in from the Lunglai front, except reports that fighting is continuing, and headquarters here claim additional Government successes.

The Generalissimo's present whereabouts are not definitely known, but usually well-informed circles state that he reached Chengchow to-day.

HOW THE C.E.R. IS
"MANAGED."

A CHINESE VIEW OF IT.

Harbin.—"That the Chinese Eastern Railway is the most extravagant railway in the world," is the opinion of Mr. Lu Mang Haining, and a commission of seven members sent by the Ministry of Railways to make a thorough investigation of the line.

A ball room and theatre costing 500,000 roubles, built in 1927 in Harbin, and the "travelling expenses" of the Russian president of the railway in 1927 (120,000 roubles), have all come from out of the "general expenses of the railway."

In addition there are several private motor-cars that belong to the head office and are used freely by any friend of the president for private and social business. The balance sheet for 1925 showed a balance of 11,000,000 roubles, but by 1927 the balance was 4,400,000 roubles. In the winter of 1928 the administration could not meet the expenses. It is estimated that in ordinary times there should have been a balance of at least 30,000,000 roubles. A loan of 18,800,000,000 which has not been paid up to the present day was floated in 1928 to meet expenses.

Private individuals, and a bank in Harbin have borrowed about 18,400,000,000. Russians are also trying to monopolize the working of the railway. In 1923 there were only 16,000 Russian workmen, but in 1928 there were 30,000.

The increase of expenses yearly can be seen from the following table:—

Works Department: 1923, loss on year's working, 4,000,000 roubles; 1927, loss on year's working, 7,600,000 roubles.

Locomotive Department (exceed expenditure): 1923, 7,000,000 roubles; 1927, 10,000,000 roubles. Damages and Repairs: 1923, an increase of 750 times over that of the previous year; 1927, an increase of 1,500 times over that of 1923.

ITALIAN CYPHER CASE.

AMBASSADOR RETURNS TO
BERLIN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Berlin, November 4.

Count Marzocchi, the Italian Ambassador, who was recalled to Rome in connection with the disappearance of a diplomatic cipher, has returned to his duties.

THE MANCHURIAN
PROBLEM.PIQUANT DISCUSSION
IN KYOTO.

JAPAN'S NEW SPIRIT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Kyoto, Nov. 4.

Manchuria was the subject of the discussions at the round table conference to-day. The Japanese pointed out that they are in Manchuria, primarily because China is unable to defend herself against foreign aggression from that quarter.

Japan's interests were of a special kind there. Peace in Manchuria was for Japan a matter of self-preservation. However, they admitted Chinese sovereignty in Manchuria. The suggestion that Japan's position in Manchuria was analogous to the British position in India, and the American in Hayti, was disputed by the Chinese.

The Chinese commented adversely upon the amount of political and military police control exercised by Japan in Manchuria. An American delegate then suggested that China go slowly as regards the problem of Manchuria, in view of the manner in which the prosperity of Manchuria had reacted favourably on China, e.g., in Customs and Post Office receipts. Moreover, it was thanks first to Russia, then to Japan, that Manchuria had developed to such an extent commercially.

Another delegate observed that Britain and America, quite apart from Japan and China, were interested in the prosperity and maintenance of peace in Manchuria, and also the "Open Door" there. A Japanese delegate remarked upon a certain change of feeling as regards Manchuria in Japan. Young Japan had different views—more liberal—than the older Japan regarding the problem. Not all Japanese were Diehards.

The discussions throughout were conducted with good temper.

BRITISH AIRSHIP'S
CRUISE.

SOME QUICK REPAIRS.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Nov. 3.

The airship R.101 has made a successful night flight. She left her mooring mast at Cardington shortly after 8 o'clock yesterday evening. There was a full crew aboard, with Major Scott in command, and the usual expert observers.

The airship's green, red and white lights showed up clearly as she started on her cruise, and her huge shapely form provided an attractive spectacle. She cruised for some time over Bedford and then, travelling at a great pace made for London. She reported her position at 9.50 p.m. as over London.

The night was very dark and few Londoners could have seen her. The ship proceeded to Portsmouth and carried out in the early hours of the morning speed and turning trials in the vicinity of the Needles.

She then returned via Reading and Tring to Cardington, where she was safely moored at 10.30 this morning.

A Slight Accident. Unfortunately, the airship had a slight mishap during her mooring operations, her nose being lashed by contact with the mast and the envelope being torn, but the structural damage was slight.

Although she came in with four engines running she had no trouble with three of them owing to the hands of the pipe cooling apparatus splitting. They were repaired with rubber hose, an operation which in each case took about an hour.

The experience proved that vibration in the engine cars was too much for pipes of copper, and the airship will be ready for a flight again on Tuesday. Otherwise everything had gone splendidly. There had been no trouble with the ship itself.

KING'S EXCELLENT
HEALTH.

RETURN TO LONDON.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, November 4.

H.M. the King and the Queen left Sandringham yesterday for London. Their Majesties will stay at Buckingham Palace for ten days before returning to their Norfolk home. The King will to-morrow hold a Council, and will during the week receive the Prime Minister and other Ministers.

The King is now in excellent health. Yesterday he attended church at Sandringham, and was out walking in the afternoon.

LOUIS BRAILLE.

CENTENARY OF A GREAT
INVENTION.

This year the world celebrates the centenary of the invention of the Braille system of embossed writing for the blind. The celebrations will include organ recitals and renderings of Mendelssohn's beautiful cantata, the "Hymn of Praise," with its glorious numbers, "We call through the darkness: Watch, men, will the night soon pass! And the great chorus, "The Night is Departing, the Day is at Hand." Mendelssohn wrote the cantata to celebrate the fourth centenary of the invention of printing. Braille's system of reading by touch does for the blind what Gutenberg's printing did for those with sight; it enables them to glean knowledge and inspiration from the books of all times and places. Even in Egypt the Koran is written in Braille, and the system adapted to Chinese and Arabic. It is difficult for sighted people to realize how far-reaching and beneficent has been this wonderful invention. It has opened the gates of art, music, science, and literature through the noble-hearted and unselfish men and women who transcribe books for the blind.

No official biography of Louis Braille has been written. He was born on January 4, 1809, at Coupvay, about 23 miles from Paris. His father was a harness-maker, and both his parents were well advanced in years at the time of his birth. One day, when he was about three years old, he wandered into his father's workshop, and taking up an awl, he began to imitate him at his work. The tool slipped, and destroyed the sight of one of his eyes. Sympathetic inflammation set up in the other, and he thus lost the sight of both eyes. The tool which caused his blindness was adapted later on to prick dots in his invention, and was called a "stylus."

The Original Idea.

Before Louis Braille entered the School for the Blind in Paris, many systems had originated in various parts of the world; but it was Valentine Haüy who first realized the possibilities of embossed paper. The story is recorded of Valentine Haüy giving a blind beggar a piece of money. "You have made a mistake in giving me a crown instead of a penny," the astonished man asked the beggar how he had been able to detect the difference so quickly.

"Oh," said the beggar, "it is enough for me to pass my finger over it."

This gave an idea to Haüy. If the blind he thought, can distinguish by touch a piece of money, why should they not distinguish by the same means a letter, figure, or mark—in short, any sign whatever, so long as it is raised. On this foundation he set to work, and presently invented a method for teaching the blind to read.

When his method was perfected, he appealed to the public for funds to carry on his work, and was soon able to open the first institute for teaching the blind to read by means of raised letters. To this school Braille gained admission when ten years of age, and he proved an intelligent pupil, excelling in literary, musical, and mathematical studies, and learning Haüy's embossed Roman type. While still a student, he began to study music under Gautier, who taught him the violin and the piano. Later on, he became proficient in several of the churches in Paris. His touch was decided, brilliant, and free, indicating faithfully the whole character of the man. In 1826 he became a professor at the institution at which he had been so brilliant a pupil.

Here he taught grammar, geography, history, arithmetic, and the piano. He also wrote several treatises, and books. His embossed work on arithmetic is a masterpiece of clearness and precision. He proved an excellent teacher, and was greatly beloved by his pupils.

For years, all his spare time was devoted to the task of perfecting a system by which the blind could write in relief, and ultimately, during one vacation in the year 1829, he invented the type that is known throughout the world as Braille.

A Scientific System.

The system of embossed writing is formed by using all the possible combinations of six dots arranged thus:—

1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. These dots are numbers; each dot is known by its number. The possible combinations of these six points give 63 simple signs. These provide the characters of the English alphabet, and a sufficient number of punctuation and contractions, etc. He also invented a musical notation which is the ordinary Braille alphabet arranged in four rows, containing ten letters each, the only drawback being that in that instrumental music the performer has to read with one hand until the music is committed to memory. In vocal music this handicap disappears. Braille was guide, philosopher, and friend to all who needed his help, and never hesitated to sacrifice.

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QUESTION OF
INDIA'S STATUS.BIG DEBATES DUE
THIS WEEK.POLITICAL CRISIS
UNLIKELY.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Nov. 4.

In the House of Lords to-morrow, and in the House of Commons on Thursday, recent statements concerning India will be debated, but reports that a political crisis on the subject is imminent, should be accepted with reserve. Reflections of politicians during the week-end have served to modify views of critics of the procedure adopted. It is now more recognized that the most important development that emerges from last week's statements is proposed on the initiative of Sir John Simon, that terms of reference of the Statutory Commission be extended to include problems of Indian States as well as those of British India. Following upon the Commission's report more interest in the Conference proposal than in reference to Dominion Status. This project, according to Press reports, is regarded as indicating a termination on the part of Britain to associate with Indian opinion as expressed by Indian representatives in drafting these reforms.

Much interest, however, attaches to this week's Parliamentary debates, and in the House of Lords the discussion will be opened by the former Viceroy Lord Reading, and probably by Lord Birkenhead, formerly Secretary of State for India, who will speak. It is possible Lord Burnham, who is a member of the Simon Commission, will also take part.

In the Commons debate, a speech by the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Baldwin, who with other political leaders was consulted by the Prime Minister before a reply to Sir John Simon's statement, will follow a statement by the Secretary for India, Captain Wedgwood Benn. Newspapers have stated that Sir John Simon may take part in the debate.

Other Business.

In addition to the debate on India, the Commons will have under consideration several other important subjects during the week, including relations with Russia, the Prime Minister's visit to the United States and Canada, and Unemployment. The last-named subject arises to-day, when Mr. J. H. Thomas, Lord Privy Seal, and Minister for Employment, will make a statement on the subject, and other developments by which work is being provided for unemployed. He will also recount the results of his recent journey to Canada.

Time of health for the benefit of his friends; love and service were ever his motto. It is related that on one occasion one of his pupils was about to leave the institution with insufficient means of livelihood. At once Braille resigned one of his organs appointments in favour of this pupil.

A French writer says: "He desired that his friendship should be of some practical use to those who enjoyed it; therefore, he not only carefully watched their conduct, but was often able to tender them good advice. Whenever a painful but necessary reproof had to be administered to a mutual friend, if others showed hesitation in undertaking the delicate duty, 'Come,' Braille would say, 'I will sacrifice myself, and set out on my mission.' He so often performed this duty that he became known as the 'censor'."

His wonderful invention was the means of conveying thoughts to minds which would otherwise have been in perpetual darkness. Although it was introduced into Australia about 1838, it was not generally accepted in blind institutions until twenty years later. In these schools, teachers, conning the great work of love and service so ably begun by Louis Braille.

Braille's health was never robust, and periodically he had attacks of hemorrhage; but his temperate habits delayed the insidious disease, which slowly sapped his strength. He died of pulmonary consumption at the early age of 43. His name is a household word to all who are blind or working for the blind. He belongs to no country and no age.

He gave—with what a keen delight! Eyes to the fingers of the blind To feel their way with inner light Along the sunny hills of mind.

SHANGHAI AUTUMN
MEETING.

NEW 7 FURLONG RECORD.

ALLIGATOR AND BRIGHT LAD
WIN "THE CLASSICS."

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Nov. 4.

The opening day of the Shanghai Jockey Club's autumn meeting, held yesterday, was notable for some excellent times and the racing started in sensational manner by Mr. Matsumoto's Nationalist II, ridden by Judah, winning the Yangtzeopoo Handicap, and beating the local record for seven furlongs by the matter of two-fifths of a second. The time was 1:43.18 against the previous record of 1:43.5.

Of the two classic races, the Chinese Cup went to Mr. Toeg's Alligator St. Leger to Messrs. E.E. and W.H.'s Bright Lad (Mr. Haimovitch).

Mr. Haimovitch was the most successful jockey with 3 firsts, 2 seconds and 1 third. Mr. Pote Hunt rode 2 firsts and a second; Mr. Collico 1 first and 2 seconds; Mr. Judah 1 first and 2 thirds; Mr. Perkins 1 first and 1 third; and Mr. Maitland 1 first and 1 second.

The Daily Press is able to publish these results by courtesy of the Hong Kong Club.

The results were:—

1.—The Yangtzeopoo Handicap: Seven Furlongs.

For China ponies Crossbreds. (2 Class).

Nationalist (Mr. Judah) 1
Carbine (Mr. Maitland) 2
Jill (Mr. Wells Henderson) 3
Time: 1:43.18 (record).
Previous record: 1:43.5.

2.—Royal Navy Cup and Whangpoo Handicap: 1½ Miles.

For Subscription Griffrins.

Sarcen (Mr. Collico) 1
Crossfire (Mr. Judah) 2
Wiki Wiki (Mr. Haimovitch) 3
Time: 2:44.55.
Record: 2:38.55.

3.—The Fah Wah Stakes: 1½ Miles.

For all China ponies. (Y Class).

Pay Bee (Mr. Haimovitch) 1
Crossfire (Mr. Collico) 2
Meadow (Mr. Judah) 3
Time: 3:08.25.
Record: 3:07.15.

4.—The Autumn Cup: One Mile.

For 4th Class (Y Class) "China ponies."

Promising Venture (Mr. Rothe) 1
Zizi (Mr. Haimovitch) 2
Frothblower (Mr. McCann) 3
Time: 2:09.34.
Record: 2:01.

5.—The Maiden Stakes: Three Quarters of a Mile.

For China ponies.

Veeherock (Mr. Perkins) 1
Dominador (Mr. Noode) 2
Blue Blazes (Mr. Bowling) 3
Time: 1:31.15.
Record: 1:27.15.

6.—The Chinese Cup and Criterion Stakes (Classic): One Mile.

For China ponies (Y Class).

Alligator (Mr. Pote Hunt) 1
Ontario (Mr. Collico) 2
Whaefer (Mr. Brand) 3
Time: 2:04.35.
Record: 2:01.

7.—The Shanghai St. Leger (Classic): 1½ Miles.

For China ponies (Y Class).

Bright Lad (Mr. Haimovitch) 1
Glendochart (Mr. Neeva) 2
The Crafty Bird (Mr. Brand) 3
Time: 3:46.18.
Record: 3:41.35.

8.—The Uga Cup: One Mile.

For 2nd and 3rd Classes. (Y Class) China ponies.

Shorty McGee (Mr. Maitland) 1
The Bright Comet (Mr. Dallas) 2
Michigan (Mr. McCann) 3
Time: 2:08.15.
Record: 2:01.

9.—The Mukden Cup: 1½ Miles.

For 3rd Class (Y Class) China ponies.

Ecarte (Mr. Haimovitch) 1
Tally Cat (Mr. Pote Hunt) 2
Ohse (Mr. Perkins) 3
Time: 2:36.55.
Record: 2:32.25.

10.—Eclipse Stakes: 1½ Miles.

For Griffrins of 1929.

Le Corsaire (Mr. Pote Hunt) 1
Banquet Eve (Mr. Haimovitch) 2
Trombone (Mr. Judah) 3
Time: 2:41.45.
Record: 2:32.25.

11.—The Kelgan Cup: 1 Mile.

For 4th Class (Y Class) China ponies and non-placed 1929 griffrins.

Shedland (Mr. Wolfe) 1
Bandokey (Mr. Moses) 2
Overdraft (Mr. Elwes) 3
Time: 1:33.35.
Record: 1:27.15.

DEATH OF ADMIRAL
BROCK.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Nov. 4.

The death occurred suddenly yesterday of Admiral Sir Frederick Brock, aged 75. He was in command of Naval Establishments in Gibraltar at the outbreak of the war.

NEW CONVERSION
LOAN.MR. PHILIP SNOWDEN'S
"LATEST."

UNLIMITED AMOUNT.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, Nov. 3.

The first indication of the financial proposals of the present Government was made yesterday in the issue of five per cent. loan at Par. Stock is to be redeemable finally in 1964, but may be redeemed on or after May 1, 1944, at the option of the Government on three months' notice being given.

No indication is given in the prospectus of the amount the Government desires to raise by means of this loan and subscriptions are therefore unlimited. The list will open on Friday next. Included in the prospectus is the offer to holders of five per cent. War Loan redeemable from 1929 to 1947 to convert their holdings for an equal amount of the new loan. Response to this offer must be made between January 15 and February 15 next.

Five per cent. War Loan is quoted at 100½. The offer will no doubt appeal to many holders of five per cent. war loan to whom the right of the Government to redeem since June 1 last has been a matter of misgiving.

Conversion will secure them five per cent. for a certain 15 years and a possible 35 years, despite any period of cheaper money within that time.

JOURNALIST AS NEW
PREMIER.

THE FRENCH CABINET.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

Paris, Nov. 3.

M. Tardieu's Ministry is the most conservative since 1924, and includes nine out of fourteen of the last (Briand) cabinet, of whom eight hold the same posts. M. Maginot exchanges the Colonial Ministry for the War Office, displacing M. Painlevé from a position held almost continuously since 1924. M. Maginot's firm attitude on the question of the security of the French frontiers may not fit in easily with M. Briand's policy of reconciliation.

There are few forecasts regarding M. Tardieu's majority, but in any case it will be a fluid one, depending partly on the Right and partly on the benevolent neutrality of the Radicals.

M. Tardieu is a brilliant journalist. His difficulties are not underrated, but his energy in forming a ministry has caused an excellent impression.

AMERICAN STOCK
MARKET.

THE "COME-BACK."

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

New York, Nov. 3.

Reports from brokers late last night indicated that an unprecedented volume of buying orders have already accumulated for the reopening of the Stock Market to-morrow morning (Monday).

The Exchange was open to-day, an army of Wall Street clerks spending their Sunday in a struggle to adjust accounts after the recent firework.

WHITE SETTLERS IN
AFRICA.GEN. SMUTS LAYS DOWN
A POLICY.

"THE MEDICINE-MAN."

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, November 4.

General Smuts, delivering the first of three Rhodes Memorial Lectures at Oxford University, visualized the time when the Crown Colonies of West Africa should be put in the way of becoming in time another important self-governing unit of the British Empire. He urged a vigorous policy of white settlement, and expressed the opinion that the work of missionaries and civil servants, although heroic, was not sufficient to effect the civilisation of a continent.

The true ruler of Africa to-day, as for thousands of years past, was the medicine-man. The medical mission, he said, was the mission for Africa. East African territories could take an appreciable number of some of the population, and by so doing, provide work for much larger numbers at home.

Such a large population was to spare, that when it had been provided for by reserves of land acquired for the future, a large surplus still remained.

ITALY AND AMERICAN
SUBJECTS.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Washington, November 4.

The Italian Ambassador has made a statement that the Italian Government will not call up for military service visiting Americans of Italian extraction, except in war time.

GERMAN DEBTS TO
AMERICA.

AGREEMENT MADE.

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

Washington, Nov. 3.

American and German negotiators have completed the draft of an agreement under which German debts will be paid direct to the United States instead of through the International Bank, which is to function under the Owen D. Young Reparations Plan.

CREW SAVED BY AIR
BLADDERS.

DRAMA OF A SINKING SHIP.

Air-filled bladders used as floats for fishing-nets were instrumental in saving the lives of eight seamen during a gale off Iceland.

The story was told at Grimsby recently, when the steam trawler Tubal Cain reached Grimsby and reported having rescued the crew of the Danish trading vessel Deferder, which was overwhelmed in a storm while bound from Iceland to Norway.

The crew had worked at the pumps for fourteen hours, but the vessel had filled, and was on the point of sinking. The eight seamen knew their small boat could not live in such a sea. An idea occurred to one of them to lash all the inflated float bladders to the small boat to give additional buoyancy. As the Defender foundered the men jumped into the bladder-supported small boat.

Their distress signals were sighted by the Tubal Cain, which bore down and rescued them.

CARR'S
CLUB
CHEESE
BISCUITSThese piquant little savory
biscuits with their layer of
delicately flavoured cheese
are a craze with all.They are wonderfully
appetising, and
though imitated
by other Biscuit
Houses, there
is none on the
market like
CARR'S.Made only by
CARR'S
CARLISLE
England

Sports News

CRICKET NOTES.

TO-DAY'S GAME.

At 10.30 a.m. to-day Shanghai meet Malaya on the Club ground. We have seen enough of the Malaya bowling to realize that in that department of the game at all events they are well served. I confidently expect them to prove themselves by far the best side in this respect. As regards their batting I am not so sure, but they have at least seven or eight men who might get fifty. It is more difficult to gauge their fielding. I am told that Bostock Hill and Lal Singh are both fine slips. They will want all their skill from what I have seen of Smith. He is very fast through the air but I doubt if he gathers any pace off the ground. He may skittle every one out, or he may be rather expensive. To-day and to-morrow will show us!

Shanghai.

The Empress arrived about 2 p.m. yesterday so our friends from the North will only have had one afternoon's practice. It will, however, be of less moment to them as they come straight from the end of their season, while Malaya finished up cricket in August. I have already written at some length on the side, and have only to add now that I expect a good game with Malaya winning.

Hours.

It may be as well to mention again the fact that the play will start each day at 10.30 a.m. and stumps will be drawn at 5 p.m. Tiffin will be taken at 12.45 p.m. Armistice day is, of course, an exception, and play will start at 11.45 a.m. If my memory serves me the usual hours heretofore have been from 11 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. The change is an excellent one. The light really goes after five o'clock and it most unfair to the fielders, or to any incoming batsman.

Last Saturday.

A good deal of useful work was done on Saturday, though as it was a practice, it was not very thrilling to the spectators. Anderson seemed to be a bit over-cautious and he did not bat as well as he has done. It is to be hoped he will play his true game in the match. Trying to play extra-cautiously nearly always spells disaster. There is a lot to be desired in the length of the bowling but especially in a fourth innings there is a lot which will take a lot of playing. Winning the toss is going to make a big difference all through the fortnight.

The Army Match.

On Friday Malaya play the Army. At the moment of writing I have mislaid the full Army team, but Major Crake will captain them, and Reynolds, Mussen, Maxwell, Swayne, Strachey, Christian, Sergt. Leach and Corp. Fry are all turning out. Unfortunately, neither Lieut.-Col. Christian and Lieut.-Col. Wyatt are able to play, and their absence will greatly weaken the side. But I expect Malaya will be a bit footweary, if their game with Shanghai goes into three days. They will find, and I fancy have found, our ground here a bit trying to the sole of the foot after the springy turf of Malaya.

R. ABBIT.

ANOTHER LEAGUE SURPRISE.

[By "L.B.W."]

The surprise of the week-end was the defeat of the Indian Recreation Club at the hands of the Club de Recreo in the second division, but on the day's play the Portuguese boys fully deserved their win. The Sookunpo men made the journey to King's Park full of confidence, and that, I believe, proved their undoing, for while they apparently took victory for granted, the Recreo men were all "on their toes," so to speak, and their exhibition of fielding was one of the best I have seen in the second division.

The I.R.C. skipper won the toss and elected to bat. Again their scoring was painfully slow, and I am inclined to think that unless they show more enterprise they will find they will have more lost and drawn games than wins at the end of the season.

As a fielding side, I doubt whether any other team (with the possible exception of the University) can touch the Recreo. Every chance was accepted, their ground fielding was neat, and their throwing very accurate. It is in their batting that they have to strengthen and if they can manage that, I confidently predict a very good season for them. Their best bat is Alves, but he is a rather shaky starter; Xavier—I am sorry I forgot his initials at the moment; there are so many of them—is quite reliable; and in him Alves ought to find a good partner to open the innings. I witnessed their match with the Indians on Saturday, and I must say that while Gutierrez is sound behind the

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Hong Kong at Play.

SPORTS NOTES AND COMMENTS.

[By "BROADCASTER."]

Last week saw the official end of both the baseball and the lawn bowls season, and now the community is keenly concerned about the cricket interplay, which commences to-day. Those who can find the time, and a number of those who cannot—but feel they must—will be at the H.K.C.C. ground during the progress of the interplay, and local taipans will find that in the course of the next few days members of the staff will show unusual anxiety to settle outstanding questions by a "personal visit" rather than by chit. But after all, even if a clerk should find himself at the Cricket Club ground on his way to the bank or shipping office, it will be pardonable, for there is a strange attraction in the cricket interplay which we do not find in other sports, no matter how popular.

That the South China baseball team should not prove unequal to the task of accounting for the pick of the local teams did not come as a surprise to those who followed the progress of the various baseball teams this year. The "Champs," to my mind, were certainly the best team and played consistently well throughout, winning all their games. The Japanese had a useful combination, but failed badly in their first and last matches, both of which were against South China. The Shield now travels from the Filipino Club to China Building, where it will decorate the rooms of the S.C.A.A. for twelve months and then, if the ground permits, more "fighting" will ensue over its temporary ownership.

Incidentally, last week also saw the official end of the swimming season. This year we have had more than a fair share of swimming. The water polo league was a great success, the various championship events and team races between Clubs and between Services teams were keenly fought out and in addition to all this we had a strong contingent of Singapore swimmers to brighten things up in the middle of the summer. The Harbour races came off successfully, especially the ladies' event, which proved to be a close race, and in the men's event, the holder could only secure second place. The opening of the S.C.A.A. bathing pavilion at North Point is a definite stride forward in Chinese swimming circles, and if all I hear is correct, another Club at North Point is going to have its premises put on a more permanent footing before the next season commences.

The defeat of the Somerset Light Infantry at football by the Chinese Athletic team and the R.O.S.B. at the hands—or rather feet—of Kowloon F.C. came as a surprise to those who study local football form. Until Saturday neither the Somerset nor the R.O.S.B. had suffered defeat, and the success of the Chinese and the Peninsula teams was certainly a reversal of form. Another match which resulted contrary to expectation was played on St. Joseph's ground, when the home team accounted for the Police. Both teams were without a win this season prior to the match, and although there were some who might have felt that St. Joseph had an opportunity to secure their first points, none would dare to have hoped for a 4-1 victory.

Racing enthusiasts will be watching with interest the progress of the different stables, as the Hong Kong St. Leger will be decided within the next fortnight. I see that Hiawatha is strongly favoured in some quarters, and all the ponies which did well in the Derby will be closely watched. Adam, Royal Flush and Grand Tattoo Eve (also President Hall) beat Hiawatha in the annual meeting. The distance is over a mile and three-quarters, which is two furlongs more than the Derby journey and although Hiawatha is in very good fettle, I do not think he is a "cert" by any means. Another interesting event will be the handicap race for novices, and the programme for November 18, promises to be very interesting. "D" class contenders will have to race over a mile, and it will be interesting to watch how many of the better ponies over six furlongs can retain their superiority in a mile event.

I would like here to mention a matter that is not strictly a sport comment. I hear that certain very big sweeps are being conducted locally on the Hong Kong Derby for next year, and that tickets are going like "hot cakes." Those who desire to share in these drawings would do well to obtain their tickets as soon as possible.

LAWN TENNIS.

WIMBLEDON CHAMPION ARRIVES.

FRANCO-JAPANESE RESULTS.

The long-awaited-for arrival of the famous French quartette (Messrs. Cochet, Brugnon, Landry and Rodol) took place yesterday when the Empress of France entered port at 2 p.m. Mesdames Cochet and Brugnon accompanied the players. They were received on board by the representatives of the Chinese Recreation Club, the Hong Kong Lawn Tennis Association and the Hong Kong Daily Press.

They appeared to be a happy party and expressed their pleasure at coming to Hong Kong, the natural beauty of which drew forth much praise from them. Leaving the boat, they took up their lodgings at the Peninsula Hotel where, after a short rest, they took a motor trip around the New Territories, returning to the Hotel at dusk. Last night they attended a Chinese dinner in their honour at the Kam Ling Hotel. To-day, they will be making a trip around the Colony by motor in the morning, and in the afternoon, commencing at 2 p.m. sharp, they will give exhibitions at the Chinese Recreation Club, the programme of which is published below.

The four players form the strongest contingent that has ever visited the Colony. They carry with them most enviable records, brief details of which follow:—

Cochet.

Cochet, who is the most famous, has one of the most brilliant records among present-day players. His history in the Davis Cup dates as far back as at the age of 20 in 1923, since when he has been one of his country's representatives every year, and by reason of the fact that France has won the coveted trophy from 1927, he has been a member of three winning teams. His personal record in first class tournaments is a very long one, but it is only necessary to recapitulate his principal achievements to prove that he is one of the greatest players at present. He has won the championship of the three leading countries, viz., France, United States and Great Britain. In the United States, he won the National Championship at Forest Hills in 1923, while he has been twice champion at Wimbledon. In 1927 and 1929, he has also been quite successful at Doubles. Brugnon, who accompanies him in the current trip, is his favourite partner; and together they captured the Wimbledon title in 1928 and 1929 and also won the French title in 1927.

Brugnon.

Brugnon is a specialist at Doubles and his career is as spectacular as that of Cochet. He always finds it easy to understand his partner; and for this reason has successfully allied with the three French stars Lacoste, Borotra and Cochet. He has had considerable experience in the game in all the leading centres. He first represented France in the Davis Cup in 1921, and has been a member every year since, so that like Cochet he has been a member of three winning teams. In the French Championships, he and Cochet won the Doubles in 1927, following on next year with Borotra as partner and in the same year won the American National Doubles title with the same player, while with Lacoste he won the Wimbledon title. At Mixed Doubles, he partnered Mlle. Suzanne Lenglen. They won the French Championships from 1921 to 1926, when the latter turned professional. M. Brugnon has also done well at Singles, winning the Hard Court Championship of Great Britain in 1923, and ran Howard Kinsey, who appeared locally in 1925, very closely at Wimbledon in 1928, losing in the final set after being five times within a point of victory.

Landry.

Landry, although not having such a good record as his compatriots above described, is nevertheless a first class player. He won the Irish Championship in 1927, and ran the great "Big Bill" Tilden in 1928 to five sets at Wimbledon, losing in the end by 6-4, and in the same tournament this year brought the same player to 8-7 in the fourth set in a fight for a semi-final place.

Rodol.

Another polished exponent, and not having as good opportunities as the other players has not reached the very best standard. That he ran Gregory to five sets at Wimbledon this year is sufficient evidence however that he is no mean player, while he did very well against Cochet in a small tournament in France this year.

THE MATCHES IN JAPAN.

GOOD SHOWING BY HOME PLAYERS.

Below are given the results of the matches played by the four French tennis "aces" in Japan during the latter part of October.

The visitors gave exhibition matches at Tokyo and Osaka with totally unexpected results, extremely gratifying to the Japanese players and their supporters.

It will be seen that both Cochet and Brugnon, the two leaders, were beaten in Singles. The former lost one match to Harada at Tokyo, but he had his revenge at Osaka where he defeated Harada after a hard struggle. The couple, however, were supreme at doubles and beat all comers in five matches.

The skeleton results follow:—

Japan 4 (Singles 4), France 4 (Singles 1; Doubles 3).

October 16:—Aoki beat Rodol 10-8, 6-1, Landry beat Kameuchi 1-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Cochet and Brugnon beat Yamagishi and Shimura 5-6, 8-4, 6-1.

October 17:—Harada beat Cochet 6-3, 6-4, Landry and Rodol beat Harada and Aoki 3-6, 6-3, 6-3, all (Japanese conceded match at this stage).

October 18:—Makino beat Landry 6-4, 4-6, 6-3, Harada (Minor) beat Rodol 6-2, 8-10, 6-6.

EXHIBITION.

Cochet and Brugnon beat Shimizu and Fukuda 6-3, 7-5, 6-1.

Osaka.

Japan 6 (Singles 5, Doubles 1), France 4 (Singles 3, Doubles 1).

October 20:—Sato beat Rodol 6-4, 6-4, Brugnon beat Harada 6-4, 6-8, 6-4, Fui beat Landry 6-7, 1-6, 7-5.

Cochet beat Sato 6-4, 4-6, 6-2.

October 21:—Fui beat Rodol 6-1, 6-2, Sato (Jr.) beat Landry 6-3, 7-5.

October 22:—Cochet beat Harada 11-9, 7-5, Sato and Aki moto beat Rodol and Landry 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 9-7.

Sato beat Brugnon 6-1, 3-6, 6-3, Cochet and Brugnon beat Sato (Jr.) and Kawaji 6-2, 6-1.

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France 2, Cochet and Brugnon beat H. Sato and Aki moto 8-6, 7-5.

October 23:—Cochet and Brugnon beat Harada and Kamegaki 6-3, 8-6, 7-5.

OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP.

Shimizu and Fukuda beat Landry and Rodol 9-6, 6-4, 6-2.

To-day's Programme.

For the first time in the history of the game Frenchmen will be engaged in first class matches locally. Hong Kong is glad of the opportunity of seeing their representatives in action, as although so much has been read and heard of their undoubted ability and prowess, none of their countrymen has taken part in the local Open Championships for ten years or over. That they will make a very big impression is the general expectation; and without doubt they will set up a standard which will be worthy of emulation.

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STOP PRESS.

We learnt at a late hour last night that the exhibition tennis matches in which the French Stars will take part at the C.R.C. ground to-day will be from 2 p.m. till 4.30 p.m. and not from 1 p.m. till 4 p.m. as previously announced.

"France has a crop of promising young players to follow up her present success, amongst whom Boussus, who is only 23 years of age, and who won the German Championship this year, is the best."

British Players.

"Britain has shown great improvement this year. Austin and Gregory improved very much. They have a very good pair in Gregory and Collins, who reached the final at Wimbledon."

"I expected them to win the European zone of the Davis Cup this year. They lost to Germany in Berlin, but, perhaps if they had played in London, the result might have been reversed."

Japanese Prospects.

"What impressed me most in Japan was the number of good players they have, and also that all those players are very young. I was very much impressed also by the young boys in the University coming to watch the matches every day, and that means they are very much interested in tennis, and certainly they will improve their game very much in the next few years. If their present good players have opportunities to play under different conditions, like in Europe and United States, they will undoubtedly soon have representatives in the finals of the best tournaments of the world."

(Continued on next column).

SHANGHAI POLICE MUSEUM OF CRIME.

FROM INSTRUMENTS OF TORTURE TO SUITS FOR SHOP-LIFTERS.

DICE CUPS THAT THROW THE RIGHT NUMBER.

The fact that there is nothing new under the sun is aptly demonstrated by an historical display of relics of Chinese cause and cure of crime displayed in the Museum at Central Police Station. Every modern swindling invention, ranging all the way from weight tampering to the breaking of Monte Carlo banks, seems to have had a predecessor born from the cunning Chinese mind. Upon the shelves and in the cases of this room there is a display of torture material which would make a bona fide ghost curdle. Most of it is crude, although its adequacy is demonstrated by the rusted blood on blades and hatchets. Some of the weapons, however, seem to have been contrived for the daintiest of feminine intrigue. There are revolvers slim and small that they might easily be slipped into a hand bag, or hidden within a small palm. The handles are carved with beautiful delicacy. Other artillery is of gigantic proportion, heavy and unwieldy. There is, among the assortment, a small Derinker, the type of weapon which shot Abraham Lincoln, manufactured in the earlier colonial days in America. Sword guns and sword canes, cunningly hidden in steel slimmess must have made heavy walking for the debonaire crook attempting to swagger with nonchalance. One cane has hidden within its half-inch diameter, trigger, bullet, and barrel. A tiny secret spring releases a catch for loading.

Terrors of the Past.

Many of these weapons have far from mediocre histories. There are grim relics of the Taiping rebellion hung upon the wall. Swords taken in the Revolution of 1912-1913 from the Chinese soldiers coming into the Settlement, lay peacefully crossed. The executioner's sword, resembling a glorified cleaver, is mute evidence of torturing justice. It is brown with the blood of many a death-dealer and swindler. Near by the executioner's sword is a vivid portrait of an agonising Chinese receiving the Lin Chi, or the lingering death. The photographer took good pictures, but the results will not be described.

In sublime mockery of these evidence of human tragedies there is an assortment of unique dummy pistols. They are harmless and crude. But they have found to be very effective, inasmuch as they are easy to obtain or make and a piece of steel shoved into one's ribs usually doesn't have to bear inspection. Many a man has congratulated himself upon escaping with his life while a grinning crook stuffs his loot, along with his innocent tin pistol, into his pocket.

The Murder Cabinet.

In the murder cabinet there is also a magnificent assortment of bombs. Old and interesting books and manuscripts have been found to be an ideal place to hide and ship a bomb. The centre is dug out, and the bomb placed within. It is then sent to an enemy who, when he opens it to examine its noxious contents, shatters into bits. Fortunately there has been much accidental justice in the matter of dealing out this brand of death. In one case a man opened the cover again to take just one more peek. There wasn't enough of him left to bury. There is another bomb in this case which was originally intended for a Consul. The man who threw it missed the door by a fraction of an inch. The fuse went off and he was patched together long enough to take his picture which now hangs in warning beside the case.

The Gambler's Delight.

However, death is not the only incentive for Chinese crime contrivances. The Oriental mentality seems particularly to enjoy the delicate processes of chicanery as well as the mere whacking off of a head. There is on display a weighing machine for crickets which must have taken considerable skill and labour to manufacture. It is made of bamboo and a delicate spring. Crickets were weighed as accurately as prize fighters to-day. There are also feeding and sleeping boxes for the insects, and training rings where the fighters were trained carefully and scientifically. It is interesting speculation as to the arrangements of ring-side seats for a show that takes place within three square inches.

In the same gambling cabinet there is an assortment of tiny fragile spurs which were once fastened behind claws for cock-fighting. Another picturesque money-maker is a dice cup fashioned of beautiful lustre containing a shaking mechanism which guarantees that one of three numbers will always turn up so long as the contrivance remains in the hand of the man who owns it.

The Smasher's Slip.

Another good skin-game, and a field that seems to have been delved into considerably, is the counterfeiting of money. There are two cabinets filled with coins and notes in the museum, presenting a splendid example of Chinese cleverness and inaccuracy. For it has always been the latter quality that brought the notes into the Museum instead of keeping them in circulation. There is one note that seems, on first glance, to be bona fide. If one takes the time to read the words one finds, "The Board of Directors." Thus, a misspelling in spelling sent a private mint to the gallows. The love of the game, and not the profit, seems to intrigue the Chinese to a great extent. There are fake ten cent, notes, fake coppers, and even, fake one cent stamps. The latter were discovered only upon the discovery that there were more perforations around the edges than contained on the real article. Otherwise the copy was perfect.

Infinite patience is demonstrated in the manufacture of some of the better notes on display. Foreign bank notes are made of two-ply paper. This fact has enabled one clever Chinese to make out of twelve notes, thirteen, with no other labour than the splitting of notes, folding each sheet into twelve parts, tearing a very narrow strip from each two sheets to make a back and front, and fitting the twenty-four strips together to make one note. A piece of adhesive tape innocently covers the mutilated original and there is a ten dollar profit on every hundred.

Fake Chops.

Counterfeiting has been a history-making device as well as a source of money to the Chinese. Institutions of long standing have occasionally found their credit destroyed due to very expert manufacture of fake "chops," whose likeness was stamped disastrously upon various documents. Banks have been smashed and rebellions instituted. In 1911 floods of Republican military notes helped for a few weeks to assist the Revolution. A rebellion in Szechuan was forestalled in 1915 by the timely arrival of the police and the raiding of a printing plant which manufactured notes for the purpose of gaining confidence among the mutineers.

Pecuniary crime has several artful contrivances to its credit in the museum also. There is a device resembling a crude rope ladder which has assisted in many a "cat" burglary. The robber merely throws the hooked ladder to a ledge and clambers up into the window. In company with the cat-ladder there is an enormous pair of trousers made of ordinary black cloth. It is obvious that they are too large for any ordinary use. They are tucked inside the regular clothes and worn shopping. Fastened at the ankles, they are capable of receiving almost anything from knick-knacks to rolls of silk. Most of the devices in this Museum have been invented by the ordinary type of uneducated Chinese with a flare for getting along in the world. One shudders to think what "a little learning" might contrive. All have been effective at one time or another. But the fact that they are now lying in harmless peace in the Museum proves that they are also all defective. "Clever people—these Chinese," but how about the Police!

TIGER KILLED WITH A STICK.

HINDU'S DESPERATE ENCOUNTER.

A thrilling story of a Hindu youth's hand-to-hand fight with a tiger is reported from a village a few miles to the west of Poona. Marana, a young Maratha farmer, was informed that a tiger had killed one of his bullocks, and had taken shelter in his field. Armed with a four-foot staff he went to the field and saw that the tiger was asleep.

It is against the etiquette of his race to attack any animal while it is asleep, so he threw a stone at the tiger, woke him up, and challenged him. It took more than twenty minutes to kill the tiger, while the whole village watched with amazement the man's fight with the animal, which had made itself a terror to the surrounding country.

Marana's tactics were to wait the coming of the tiger, move rapidly aside at the critical moment, and smash blow after blow on the animal's head. He was wounded in many places by the slashing paws, but when the tiger was killed it was found that the staff had been smashed, while there was not a single blow on the rest of his body.

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Whole armies of carpenters, joiners, plumbers and electricians have been busy fitting extra bathrooms, enlarged sleeping-cabins, a thousand and one fittings which conduce to comfort equivalent to that offered by the best hotels ashore, and the result of their labours is truly astonishing.

New Turbines Fitted.

The Empress of Canada, newest member of the Pacific fleet of the Canadian Pacific, is the sixth passenger vessel of that fleet to be fitted with single-reduction geared turbines. First to employ the type were the four 20,000-ton Duchesses, recently added to the Atlantic service. So successful was the new type of engine that it was decided by the Company to make a similar installation on the 21,500-ton Empress of Canada.

This ship, comparatively new, was the holder of all speed records between Yokohama and Vancouver, and now, with a sea speed of twenty-one knots, is undisputed possessor of the title. At the time as the installation of new machinery was commenced on the Pacific vessel, the Montreal was also re-engined, the work taking less time in her case as many other structural alterations were made in the larger ship.

And, under way, she gives every indication of her new strength. To the accompaniment of a deep-throated chorus of farewell whistles from shipping in the harbour, she sailed from Southampton for Cherbourg, New York, San Francisco, Victoria, Vancouver, Yokohama, Kobe, Nagasaki, Shanghai, Hong Kong and Manila, thus returning to the Pacific service of the Canadian Pacific fleet after an absence of a year.

As the white "Empress" tossed a plume of smoke from her three funnels and turned her sharp, graceful bows toward the sea on a long westward journey that was to take her to the East her ensign dipped in farewell to England and she began a triumphal passage through lines of incoming shipping. With the innate courtesy of the sea, vessel after vessel swept her ensign down tattered halliards, dirty collars, greasy trumps, bluffed trawler, or stately liner returning from South Africa, the Mediterranean, "East of Suez," all paid courteous tribute to the long slim, white greyhound, as she plowed her way towards a long sojourn in the East.

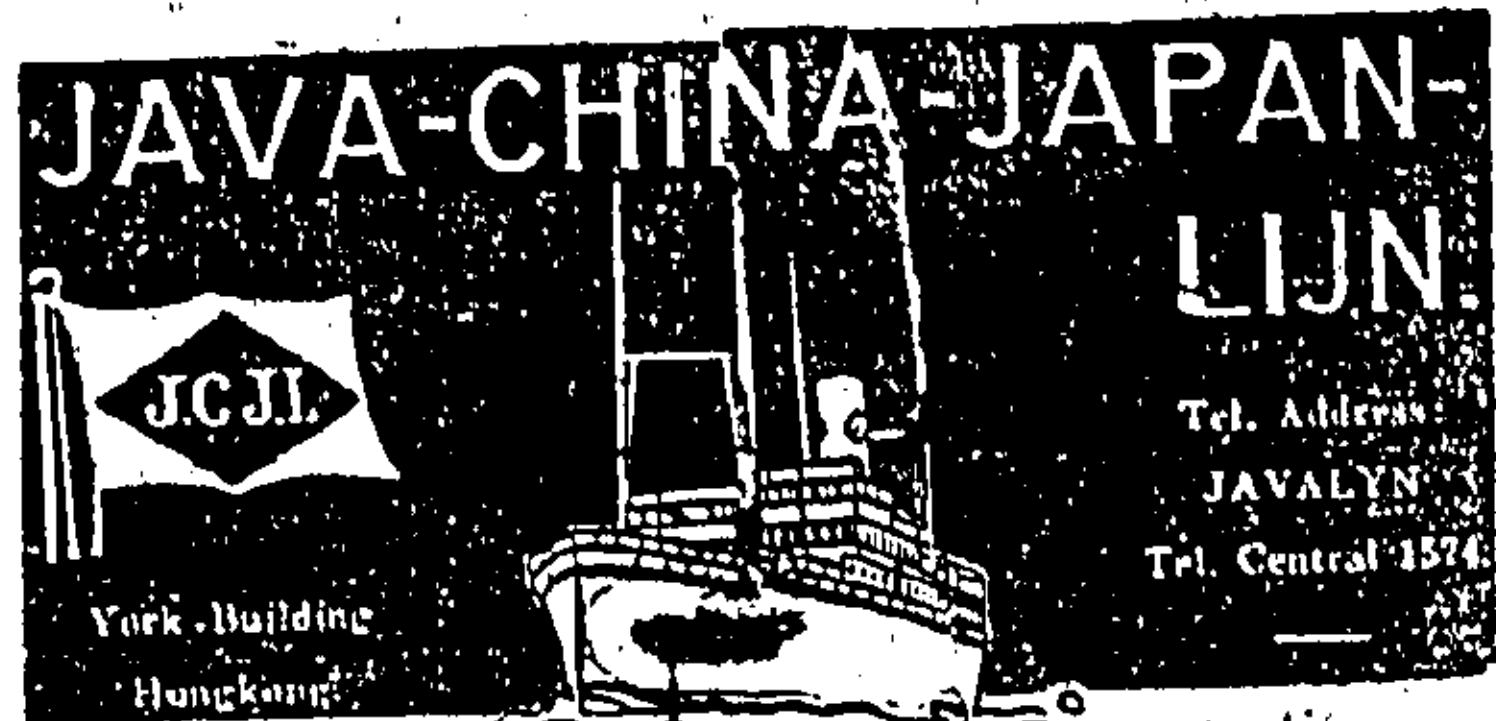
And the white "Empress," her new, single reduction turbines forcing her through the water with the smooth, rhythmic power that invests her with her new title, "Speed Queen of the Pacific," spread behind her a broad, foaming wake.

A Quick Passage.

The Empress of Canada, which left Southampton with a large list of passengers arrived at New York and sailed thence two days later for Vancouver by way of the Panama Canal and San Francisco. The white liner created a sensation during the call at New York. Many passengers booked passage to Vancouver, and quite a number, both from Southampton and the American metropolis, are proceeding through to the Orient.

The Empress of Canada left Vancouver on November 2 and is making a direct passage to Hong Kong. On arrival at Hong Kong on November 14 she will change crews with the Empress of France and return to Vancouver, via Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama, leaving Hong Kong on November 19. She is due in Vancouver on November 20 and will sail from that port again for the Orient on December 7 making a call at Honolulu on December 13.

The Empress of France arrived here yesterday. During her trials on the famous measured mile in the Clyde, the Empress of Canada developed a speed considerably in excess of the twenty-one knots desired by her owners, and on her maiden voyage to Quebec, after being reconditioned, made an average speed of 20.2 knots which enabled her to set up a new record for the westbound Atlantic voyage of five days 14 hours, and 25 minutes.



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TJIBADAK	BATAVIA	27th Nov.	27th Nov.	AMOT & S'HAL
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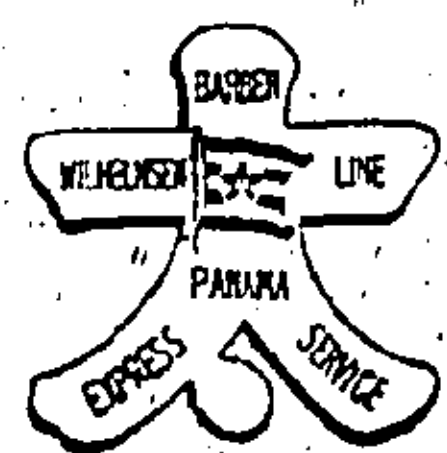
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Money and Markets

GOSSIP FROM THE SHARE MARKET.

PRICES STILL IMPROVING; HEALTHY OUTLOOK.

FREE ADVICE FOR INVESTORS.

[By "KUFAN"]

Gossip often moves the market, but no investor should either buy or sell on market gossip only.

The volume of business negotiated on the local "Bialto" during the past week has been distinctly encouraging, and in spite of a fair amount of profit-taking in various stocks, rates still seem to improve, which shows that more confidence is being shown in Hong Kong securities—a very hopeful sign.

The October settlement, which was the first settlement worth really speaking of since June 1925, was negotiated satisfactorily and everything, I hear, was cleared up long before the closing of banking hours.

The Shanghai market appears to have weakened considerably owing to the uncertainty of the "War" situation. In consequence the pet gambling stock of the Shanghai market—Ewos—suffered a further set-back.

HONG KONG BANKS—A few shares were sold during the week at \$1,300, and closed weak with sellers in evidence.

UNIONS changed hands during the week at \$372 to \$375, but closed with sellers at \$372, and look like depreciating further. I fancy the decline in this stock is partly due to the "smash" in New York as a good number of Unions companies recently appear to be coming from London, which lends me to believe that the rate will ease still further.

WHARVES are steady, and have buyers at about \$148.

PROVIDENTS had a bit of a jump during the week and after a fair number of shares, had changed hands at rates varying from \$5.50 to \$5.75 they closed with sellers at \$5.50.

HONG KONG DOCKS also showed a slight improvement, a few shares changing hands at \$41.

EWOS—Sales have been effected locally during the week at lower rates than the 15 and 17. I do not think these shares will go very much lower, and on the whole would not advise anyone to sell at the moment. I understand the Company has done remarkably well, and at present rates investors have little to fear, in spite of the influence of the "War" news from the North.

HONG KONG HOTELS showed a slight advance during the week, sales being put through at rates varying between \$10.25 and \$11. They closed with buyers at \$11 and sellers at \$11.20.

HONG KONG LANDS changed hands at \$67 during the week, and have further buyers at \$68.50, possibly \$66.75.

HUMPHREYS weakened slightly after sales had been put through at \$14.80 and \$15. The buying rate at the close was \$14.80.

HONG KONG TRAMS also showed a slight improvement, shares changing hands varying between \$19.35 and \$20. I think there are further buyers at the latter rate.

STAR FERRIES eased off slightly after sales had been concluded at \$71 and \$72. I think buyers could be found at the former figure and sellers at \$72.

CHINA LIGHTS improved again during the week, and sales were put through from \$14.40 to \$15.50. They closed with sellers at \$15.50 and buyers offering \$15.40.

HONG KONG ELECTRICS were handled in fairly large parcels last week at \$67 to \$67.25, but were rather neglected on Saturday, when I understand shares could be bought at \$67.

CEMENTS improved during the week, and a fairly large business was concluded at rates varying from \$12.35 to \$14.

DAIRY FARMS changed hands at \$22.

REPLIES TO READERS.

Readers who have written to me last week will find answers to their queries below.
"Kufan" will give advice or information on any matter or question concerning the Hong Kong, Shanghai or Singapore share market. Readers desiring such in-

formation are invited to write, addressing their correspondence to "Kufan" care of the Editor of this paper, and replies will appear in this column the following Tuesday.

Names and addresses must be included, and it is desired that a *nomme de plume* be used, so as to enable inquirer to pick out the answer intended for him.

Every step will be taken to furnish as full and informative a reply as possible; but this is done on the clear understanding that no responsibility whatever is thereby admitted by the writer.

X.Y.Z. (MANILA)—I agree with you that Nos. 3 and 3 might be disposed of at profitable rates at present, as I feel sure that shares can be picked up again later at a lower figure. Regarding No. 1, the stock is a favourite with the Chinese here, and I should not be surprised to see it go very much higher next year. If you should decide to sell now I would urge you to get in again should the rate recede to any great extent. Nos. 4 and 5 are very sound stocks, but I fear are not very good in the matter of capital appreciation. No. 6 is good; a small rise will give you a profit, and I think shares will go up slightly. I have no particular stock in mind which I can recommend at present, but if you write again during the next week or so, I may be able to recommend one of our industrial stocks, which I think will go up if there is no manipulation in the local market.

TINCHIST.—By all means sell at the highest rate you can obtain, as I see no reason for recommending you to hold on. The present rise is not justified at all, and is entirely due to speculation. I should be very surprised if the company announces a dividend.

A.B.C.—1. and 2.—Appreciation in the cash rate is very likely to take place. 3.—There is nothing in this stock. 4. and 5.—I would not care to buy these stocks for December or January, and if I had shares, would sell at present rates. 6.—The price is now very low, and I don't anticipate a further drop.

SEEKER (MANILA).—Your letter is very timely. In my opinion you need not wait until Chinese New Year, as the present quotation on these stocks tempts me to advise you to sell your holdings now.

DOGGO (FOOOHOO).—Get out at once. The rise is due entirely to speculation and not to any increased profits of the Company. There can be no dividend for a long time yet. I am glad you mention the rate you paid for these shares, as I strongly recommend you to get out while you can do so without showing a loss.

DEJECTED (CANTON).—No. 1, 2 and 3.—All good "buys." You need not pay as much as \$70. \$15.30, for the first two stocks, as I can (if you desire) put you in touch with local brokers who can obtain these shares at \$63.75 and \$14.80 respectively. Regarding No. 4, nothing further has transpired about the negotiations, but shares are worth buying at present rates.

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE]

	Rugby, Nov. 3.
Paris	123.63
New York	4.87 31/32
Brussels	34.863
Geneva	23.173
Amsterdam	12.091
Milan	93.125
Berlin	20.40
Stockholm	18.106
Copenhagen	18.308
Oslo	18.308
Vienna	34.72
Prague	104 11/16
Helsingfors	194 1/2
Madrid	34.323
Lisbon	108.25
Athens	375 1/2
Bucharest	816
Rio	5 51/84
Buenos Aires	46 5/16
Bombay	1/2 13/16
Shanghai	2/23
Yokohama	1/8 1/2
Hong Kong	1/11 3/32
Silver (spot)	22 15/16
Silver (forward)	22 1/2

HONG KONG TRADE.

PIECE-GOODS BUSINESS STILL QUIET.

The fortnightly report of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce contains the following references to piece goods business: Cotton Piece Goods and Fancy Cotton Goods.

The following reports have been received:—

Our market remains practically unchanged, with little enquiry. Offers have been made for small lots of white shirtings, for forward shipment, but limits indicated are too ridiculous low in comparison with local parity of present Lancashire values to permit of business. Small and almost retail sales of Whites' stock are also reported. Mid. Am. Cotton "Spot" was quoted at 9.8d. in Liverpool on the 31st ult., and Eg. Sakel 15.20d.

Another report states:—There has been some enquiry for white shirtings as local stocks, in the case of the better grade Lancashire cloths, are low, but owing to the exchange position, replacing costs are considerably above local prices. Market prices here are advancing slowly and new business is not likely, until the present difference is bridged. The demand for Blacks is very slow and Japanese cargo is rather depressed.

Woolens.

There is no new business to report. Bradford prices are considerably easier, but owing to the drop in exchange present quotations are still higher than the last paid prices. Local prices for pure woolen goods have advanced and there is some improvement in other directions. Clearances have been fairly good and some effort is being made to take up old lots. Several recent failures have thrown quantities of bankrupt stocks on the market and the presence of these lots, has tended to upset values.

Cotton Yarn.

During the fortnight under review no sales have been reported due to the heavy decline in rupee exchange, which rendered business impracticable.

Nominal quotations are as follows:—No. 10s at \$172 to \$185, No. 12s at \$185 to \$200, No. 16s at \$205 to \$210, No. 20s at \$210 to \$220.

REDUCTION OF CAPITAL.

FORMAL DECISION OF ICE COMPANY.

Mr. J. P. Warren presided over the meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong and Canton Ice Manufacturing Co., Ltd., held yesterday at the company's premises to receive the report of the proceedings of the extraordinary general meeting held on October 15, when a proposed reduction of the company's capital was approved.

The Chairman having explained that this meeting was necessary in order to confirm the resolution passed at the earlier meeting, said:—You will also remember that at the above mentioned meeting I explained to you why your directors thought it essential to reduce the capital of the Company, and I do not think it necessary to dwell further therewith, except to state that at the meeting in question the resolution approving the reduction of capital was unanimously passed as an extraordinary resolution. Under the Hong Kong Companies Ordinance, however, it is necessary that such extraordinary resolution shall be confirmed by a majority of members entitled to vote as are present in person, or by proxy, and consequently this meeting has been convened for the purpose of enabling the extraordinary resolution, above referred to, to be confirmed as a special resolution.

I accordingly beg to propose the confirmation as a special resolution of the said extraordinary resolution, namely:—

"That the capital of the Company be reduced from \$400,000 divided into 40,000 shares of \$10 each to \$200,000 divided into 40,000 shares of \$5 each and that such reduction be effected by cancelling the capital which has been lost or is represented by available assets to the extent of \$5 per share upon each of the 40,000 shares which have been issued and are now outstanding and by reducing the nominal amount of all the shares in the Company's capital from \$10 to \$5 per share."

Mr. Macfarlane seconded the proposal which was unanimously adopted.

Those present, in addition to the Chairman, were, Messrs. Ho Kom Tong, R. E. Coxon, A. Stevenson, M. Manuk (Secretary), M. Macfarlane, H. W. Page, Chan Nei Pan, Chan Pun Ko, and Chan Iu Nam.

RUBBER MARKET.

WILL IT RECOVER?

Whilst matters do not show a very cheerful aspect in the rubber world, it is interesting to read an American opinion, written about two months ago, as expressed by a rubber man in New York. He writes:—

"Despite recent figures at variance with the view, the aspects are for rubber consumption outstrip supply shipments—at the present rate of disappearance. The trade may be allayed into a false sense of the situation in or by 1930 by the weight of shipments which became available during the early months of 1929, and a seasonal smoothing off of automobile activity in the latter part of this year."

The technical position of the matter has not altered, notwithstanding increase of London stocks, at the expense of New York, and a lower commodity price. In the opinion of the writer, the London market could be further augmented without reaching the danger point, seeing that there is a little change in world stocks compared with a year ago. It is a fact that yields of many estates are now less than in the corresponding months of 1928, that is at the time of the first rush of latex after considerable resting periods. Added to this there has been drought in British Malaya, which will affect shipments during the next month or two, and shipments from the Dutch East Indies are showing a reduction.

Outputs for 1930 cannot be increased in any appreciable degree through new areas coming into bearing, because such areas are small. General opinion is that smaller output figures will be the rule for the remainder of the current year. The future outlook, therefore, is better than the present seems to have in store, but there have been so many disappointments that the disposition is to see the actual realisation before believing. One expert opinion that may be noted is that it is calculated next year should see one of those recurrent phases in the industry when consumption will exceed production if world's requirements expand normally. It is quite possible.

[Daily Share Quotations will be found on page 2 of this issue.]

"The Miser" and "I'll Be Thinking of You," Billy Bennett.
"Isle of Oahu," Billy Bennett.
"Waikiki," Ferner.
7.43 p.m.—Evening weather report.
9 p.m.—Chinese programme.
10.30 p.m.—Close down.

RUGBY FOOTBALL.

THIS WEEK'S GAMES.

The following Rugby matches have been arranged this week:—
Club v. H.M.S. Berwick.

On Wednesday: H.K.R.F.C. v. Back, R. J. Grieve; three-quarters, G. P. Lammer, C. J. D. Law, G. A. L. Plummer, L. Goldman; half-backs, R. M. Wood, V. W. Stanion; forwards, D. L. Milne-Day, J. Sutcliffe, R. P. Moodie, T. Riddell, E. R. West, R. P. Massey, J. A. E. Kendrew, E. B. Gammell.

Club v. Somerset Light Infantry.

On Friday: H.K.R.F.C. v. Back, S. J. H. Fox; three-quarters, Ferguson, A. N. Other, I. A. Ross, A. D. Coppin; half-backs, M. G. Mills, E. D. Black; forwards, J. E. Henry, S. Dale, W. E. Peers, R. D. Beaumont, Burnell, S. E. Edgar, S. A. Gregory, V. R. Gordon.

Both games will start at 5.30 p.m.

TODAY'S WIRELESS PROGRAMME.

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11 to 11.30 a.m.—Commercial News, Share Reports, etc., in Chinese and English.
11.30 to 1.30 p.m.—Demonstration programme. (Chinese and European records). For use of the Radio Dealers.

1.45. Weather report.
5 to 7 p.m. (Subject to Alteration).—English programme of "Columbia" records, supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

"This Year of Grace" Selection. London Pavilion Orchestra.
"Liebesleid" and "Zapateado" Violin Solo, Efram Zimbalist.
"Devil-May-Not-Care" and "Family Secrets," Billy Bennett.

"Aida" Selection. New Queen's Hall Light Orchestra.
"They Call Me Mim" and "One Fine Day," Doris Vane, Soprano.

"Vocal Gems," Ross and Schubert, arr. Clusam.
"To Wander," "The Organ Man," "I Am Not Angry," "Song of the Blacksmith," "Laughing and Weeping," "Tartarus," "The Erl King," and "Henry the Fowler," Sir George Henschel, Baritone.

"Trio in C" and "A Bright Morning on the Alps," L. Van Beethoven, Hoist.
"Ship o' Mine" and "Glorious Devon," Haydn Wood and Thorpe Bates, Baritone.

"Tie A String Around Your Finger" and "Mereyoun Mary," Sears and Youmans, Friedlander and Conrad.
"Honey, I'm in Love With You," "I Am Thinking of You," Friedlander and Conrad.

Irving Caesar and Louis Hirsch.
(Continued on preceding column).

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SHANGHAI	"CHANGHONG"	On 6th Nov.	3 p.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI, NINGBO & DALY	"LINAN"	On 6th Nov.	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"TEAN"	On 7th Nov.	5 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI, TIENTSIN & TUNG	"HUICHOW"	On 7th Nov.	10 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"CHINKIANG"	On 7th Nov.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SUIYANG"	On 10th Nov.	8 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & BANGKOK	"ANHUI"	On 10th Nov.	10 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"KANGHONG"	On 10th Nov.	10 a.m.
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI & HAIKOW	"CHENGTO"	On 14th Nov.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"KIANGSU"	On 17th Nov.	10 a.m.
SWATOW, AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"ANKING"	On 18th Nov.	5 p.m.
WATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 20th Nov.	10 a.m.
HONGKONG, SHANGHAI & HAIKOW	"CHEKIANG"	On 23rd Nov.	10 a.m.

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STATION	NOVEMBER 3, 1929.										NOVEMBER 4, 1929.									
	Barometer at Sea Level		Temperature		Humidity		Wind		State of Sky		Barometer at Sea Level		Temperature		Humidity		Wind		State of Sky	
	Inches	Millis.	Inches	Millis.	Per Cent	Per Cent	Direction	Force	Clouds	Remarks	Inches	Millis.	Inches	Millis.	Per Cent	Per Cent	Direction	Force	Clouds	Remarks
Wladivostok	30.05	763.3	47	...	W	4	b	6	...	...	30.13	765.3	33	...	SW	0	b	...	...	...
Naimuro	29.96	761.0	...	...	W	4	...	5	...	...	30.08	764.0	...	...	NE	1	...	...	...	...
Tokodato	30.05	763.5	...	...	W	4	...	...	...	...	29.16	766.0	...	...	NE	1	...	...	...	...
Tokio	30.03	764.0	...	...	W	4	...	...	...	...	30.18	769.0	...	...	NNW	1	...	...	...	...
Kochi	30.18	766.5	...	...	W	4	...	...	...	...	30.28	769.0	...	...	WSW	1	...	...	...	...
Nagasaki	...	...	...	...	N	2	...	...	...	...	30.30	769.5	...	...	E	1	...	...	...	...
Kagoshima	30.24	768.0	...	...	N	1	...	...	...	...	30.38	769.0	...	...	NW	1	...	...	...	...
Oshima	30.20	767.0	...	...	N	3	...	...	...	...	30.22	767.5	...	...	ESE	1	...	...	...	...
Naha	30.16	766.0	...	...	NE	3	...	...	...	...	30.12	765.0	...	...	NE	2	...	...	...	...
Ishikijima	30.14	765.5	...	...	ENE	2	...	...	...	...	30.10	764.5	...	...	ENE	2	...	...	...	...
Ronin Island	30.04	763.0	...	...	NNE	1	...	...	...	...	30.06	763.5	...	...	...	0	...	...	...	...
Cheloo	30.31	767.3	58	76	SW	1	b	6	...	...	30.16	766.0	44	86	...	0	b	...	...	...
Shanghai	30.36	771.0	64	20	NNW	2	b	7	...	...	30.38	769.2	82	75	NNE	1	...	...	...	...
Guthrie	30.38	771.1	65	40	NNE	2	b	7	...	...	30.34	770.6	88	53	NE	2	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	30.14	765.5	71	80	NE	2	b	7	...	...	30.13	765.3	66	84	NE	2	...	...	...	...
Amoy	30.07	763.9	78	58	NE	2	b	6	...	...	30.11	764.8	66	75	N	4	...	...	...	...
Swatow	30.08	764.0	74	78	NE	2	c	6	...	...	30.12	765.0	66	85	NE	2	...	...	...	...
Taihu	30.18	765.5	73	68	E	4	c	5	...	...	30.07	763.8	66	94	E	4	...	...	...	...
Taihu	30.05	763.2	81	...	N	9	b	...	...	...	30.05	763.2	68	...	...	0	b	...	...	...
Taiwan	30.04	762.9	79	...	N	2	b	...	...	...	30.01	762.3	64	...	...	0	b	...	...	...
Koshun	30.00	762.0	78	...	NE	7	b	...	...	...	29.97	761.7	72	...	NE	6	b	...	...	...
Pescadore	30.00	763.5	77	...	NNE	6	b	...	...	...	30.02	762.6	72	...	NNE	4	b	...	...	...
Hong Kong	30.03	762.7	76	63	E	3	c	6	...	...	30.04	763.0	71	68	ENE	4	...	...	...	...
Gap Rock	30.02	762.5	73	...	NNE	4	c	30.02	762.5	71	...	ENE	4
Macao	30.01	762.3	77	61	ESE	2	c	30.01	762.3	72	75	ESE	4
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Pratas Island	29.99	761.7	77	76	NE	6	c	29.98	761.4	74	88	NE	6	od
Phulien	30.00	762.0	82	51	E	4	b	7	30.02	762.6	68	87	...	2
Tourane	29.81	757.2	81	...	NE	6	r	...	...	...	29.82	757.5	78	...	E	4	...	...	...	...
Cape St. James	29.81	757.2	79	...	NE	4	b	...	...	...	29.84	757.8	78	...	ENE	6	...	...	...	...
Baco	29.93	760.2	75	91	ENE	4	c	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Apurri	29.86	758.4	84	74	ENE	4	c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuguegarao	29.82	757.3	82	81	ENE	2	c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vigan	29.78	756.3	86	71	NNW	4	b	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manila	29.78	756.6	84	71	SSE	1	c	...	...	...	29.82	757.5	78	94	...	0	...	...	...	...
Legaspi	29.76	756.0	86	75	E	4	b	...	...	...	29.82	757.5	78	92	...	0	...	...	...	...
Calbayog	29.76	756.0	81	66	...	0	r	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Talibon	29.74	755.4	84	77	SE	4	c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Iloilo	29.72	754.8	86	65	NE	6	c	...	...	...	29.78	756.3	77	91	NE	4	...	...	...	...
Cebu	29.73	755.1	86	65	NE	4	c	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Surigao	29.74	755.4	81	88	SE	2	c	...	...	...	29.80	756.9	77	...	E	4	...	...	...	...
Saipan	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gasm	12.22	29.75	755.7	...	NE	4	0	4.22	...	...	29.79	756.6	...	...	NE	2	...	...	...	...
Yap	11.00	29.75	755.7	...	NE	2	0	5	...	...	29.79	756.4	78	...	NNE	1	b	...	...	...
Pelew	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.76	755.9	80	...	E	2	c	...	...	...
Ponape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.76	755.9	80	...	E	2	c	...	...	...
Lahnan	14	29.78	756.4	88	84	NE	4	b	6	...	29.84	757.9	88	91	NE	6	b	...	...	...

November 4d. 10A. 41m.—The anticyclone has moved eastward, and is now central over S. Japan. Fresh monsoon will continue along the S.E. coast of China, and over the N. China Sea. Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 68.03 inches, against an average of 80.71 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON NOVEMBER 5.

- 1.—Formosa Channel
- 2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamecks
- 3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock
- 4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan

FORECAST.

C. W. JEFFRIES, Director.

HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, November 4

	Previous Day	On Day	On Day
	at 4 p.m.	at 10 a.m.	at 4 p.m.

Barometer...	30.01	30.09	29.99
Temperature...	74	74	75
Humidity...	60	61	60

Wind...	E	E	E
Force...	3	3	3
Weather...	O	O	O

B. in	0.00	0.01	0.00
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Highest open-air Temperature, 3:76
Lowest open-air Temperature, 4:71

B=Blue sky; C=Cloudy; D=Drizzle; F=Fog; L=Lightning; M=Mist; O=Overcast; P=Passing showers; Q=Squalls; R=Rain; T=Thunder.

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HONG KONG TIDE TABLE.

From November 5 to 11, 1929

High Water. Low Water.

Days of Week. Date of Month. Hong Kong Standard Time. Height. Hong Kong Standard Time. Height.

Tues. 5. 11. 15. 4. 6. 1. 18.

Wed. 6. 10. 44. 7. 4. 6. 1. 18.

Thurs. 7. 11. 47. 7. 2. 6. 1. 18.

Fri. 8. No infer. high nor Low wat.

Sat. 9. No infer. high nor Low wat.

Sun. 10. No infer. high nor Low wat.

Mon. 11. 7.

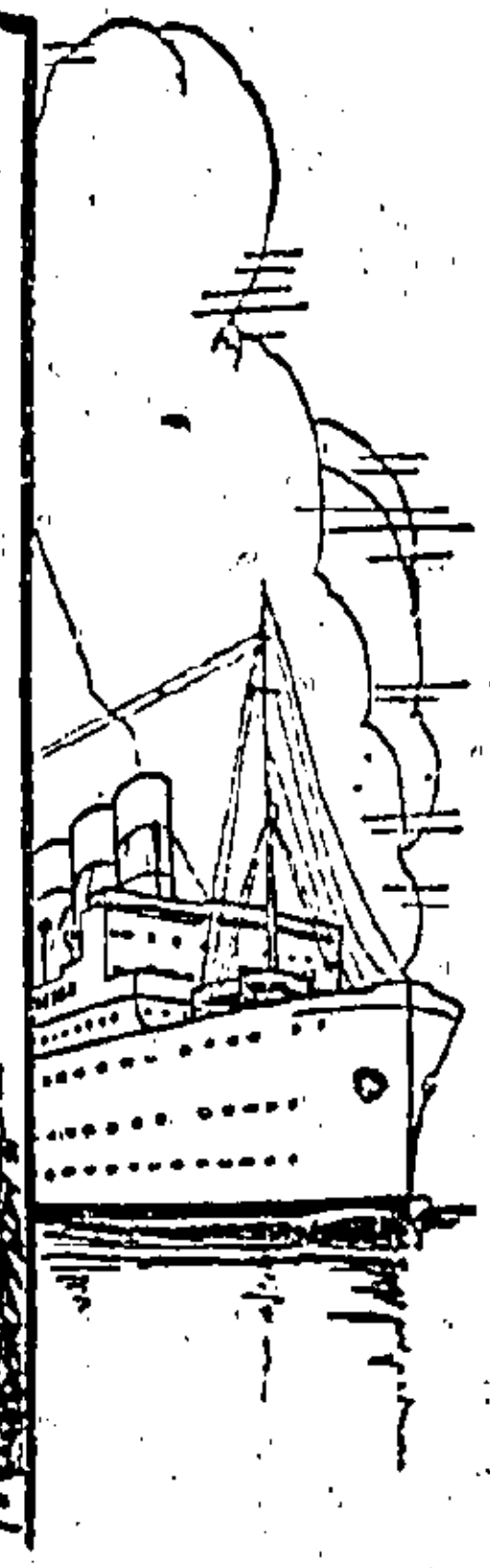


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ATSUTA MARU ... Saturday, 16th Nov.

KASHIMA MARU ... Saturday, 30th Nov.

SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Port.

KAGA MARU ... Wednesday, 20th Nov.

TANGO MARU ... Wednesday, 25th Dec.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.

TAMBA MARU ... Monday, 11th Nov.

↑ TOKIWA MARU ... Wednesday, 27th Nov.

SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu,

Los Angeles, Mexico and Panama.

ANYO MARU ... Sunday, 22nd Dec.

SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape

Town & Ports.

WAKANA MARU ... Friday, 6th Dec.

NEW YORK, BOSTON via PANAMA.

↑ TSUYAMA MARU ... Saturday, 9th Nov.

↑ ASUKA MARU ... Wednesday, 20th Nov.

LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Constantinople, Genoa &

Marseilles.

↑ TOYOKA MARU ... Friday, 15th Nov.

↑ OALOUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.

↑ BENGAL MARU ... Sunday, 10th Nov.

↑ MALACCA MARU ... Saturday, 16th Nov.

SHANGHAI KORE & YOKOHAMA.

↑ MUBORAN MARU (omit S'hai) ... Wednesday, 6th Nov.

↑ SUWA MARU ... Monday, 11th Nov.

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YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 11,800 TONS;
THROUGH CARGO
7,550 TONS.

Cargo returns shown at the
Harbour Office during the 24 hours
ended at 9 a.m. yesterday by
vessels arriving in Hong Kong were
as follows:—

British	Cargo	Through
H.K.	Ports.	
Hop Sang,	Tsingtau 770	910
Hai Yang,	Foochow 400	—
New Mathilde,	Haiphong 1,300	—
Changchow,	Shanghai 900	800
Tanda,	Melbourne 430	2,400
Teau,	Shanghai 400	760
Shantung,	Canton —	240
Phorus,	Tarakan 3,500	—
		9,180 — 5,170
Dutch		
Tjisaroca,	Amoy —	160
Tjibadak,	Shanghai —	1,000
		1,160
Norwegian		
Helios,	Bunko 560	—
		560 —
Japanese		
Lungshan Maru,	Shanghai 20	950
Deli Maru,	Takao 1,070	70
Nitto Maru,	Canton 30	160
		1,120 — 1,220
Portuguese		
Wing Lee,	K. C. Wan 400	—
		400 —
		11,800 7,550

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during
the period under review were
as follows:—

British	Arr.	Dep.
British	9	0
Dutch	2	0
Norwegian	2	0
Japanese	3	0
Portuguese	2	0
Chinese	0	2
German	0	1
	19	6

ASIATIC DECK PASSENGERS.

The following vessels brought
Asiatic deck passengers to the
Colony during the 24 hours ended
at 9 a.m. yesterday:—

Hai Yang (Br.) Foochow,	257
Swatow (Br.) Canton,	87
New Mathilde (Br.) Hai-	97
hong, Pakhoi	—
Tanda (Br.) Melbourne,	200
Teau (Br.) Shanghai, Swa-	69
ton	—
Shantung (Br.) Canton	77
Tjisaroca (Dutch) Amoy	133
Helios (Nor.) Bangkok, Swa-	25
ton	—
Lungshan Maru (Japanese)	141
Shanghai	—
Deli Maru (Jap.) Takao,	21
Swatow	—
Wing Lee (Port.) K. C. Wan	200
	1,230

ARRIVALS.

November 3.

Apoc, British str., 1,770 tons,
Capt. Shearer, from Hongay,
Quarry Bay.—Wo Fat Sing.
Chang, Chow, British str., 1,303
tons, Capt. L. Shinn, from
Amoy, buoy No. B12.—B. & S.
Phorus, British str., 2,753 tons,
Capt. V. R. Trigg, from
Tarakan, North Point.—A.P.C.
Wing Lee, Portuguese str., 641 tons,
Capt. Jose Antunes, from K. C.
Wan, Saikong Wharf.—Yiu
Yuen S.S. Co.

November 4.

Empress of France, British str.,
9,981 tons, Capt. S. Robinson,
G.B.E., R.D., from Vancouver
and ports, Kowloon Wharf.—
C.P.R. Co.
Helios, Norwegian str., 1,113 tons,
Capt. W. Hannevig, from
Bangkok and Swatow, buoy No.
C35.—Thorsen & Co.
Honolulu Maru, 5,750 tons, Capt.
O. Mutch, from Moji, Kowloon
Wharf.—O.S.K.
Huichow, British str., 1,222 tons,
Capt. E. M. Gellie, from Can-
ton, buoy No. C37.—B. & S.
Kifunuma Maru No. 2, Japanese
str., 1,944 tons, Capt. Azaki,
from Dairen, Yaumati.—
M.B.K.
Nitto Maru, Japanese str., 2,180
tons, Capt. K. Naruse, from
Canton, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.
President Jackson, American str.,
14,123 tons, Capt. John Griffith,
from Shanghai, Kowloon
Wharf.—A.M.L.
Shangai, British str., 1,508 tons,
Capt. W. T. Hodge, from
buoy No. B9.—B. & S.
Sui Sang, British str., 1,983 tons,
Capt. Snedder, from Amoy,
Kowloon Wharf.—J. M. & Co.
Takada, British str., 6,949 tons,
Capt. J. C. Lindon, from
Japan and Amoy, Kowloon
Wharf.—M. M. & Co.
Tanda, British str., 6,956 tons,
Capt. E. S. Pilcher, from
Australia, Kowloon Wharf.—
M. M. & Co.
Teau, British str., 1,351 tons, Capt.
A. N. Taylor, from Swatow,
buoy No. B13.—B. & S.
Wai Shing, British str., 1,109 tons,
Capt. J. W. Pettigrew, from
Canton, buoy No. B32.—J. M.
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Wong Shek Kung, Chinese str.,
1,044 tons, Capt. F. C. Novik,
from Saigon, buoy No. C42.—
Kwong-Hing Hing.

CLEARANCES.

November 4.

Canton, for Haiphong.
Changchow, for Canton.
Ravnefjell, for Whampoa.
Honolulu Maru, for Singapore.
Hop Sang, for Canton.
Hydrangea, for Swatow.
Ka Heng, for K. C. Wan.
Nitto Maru, for Keelung.
Phorus, for Dairen.
President Pierce, for Shanghai.
Promise, for Haiphong.
Shisho Maru, for Hongay.
Shantung, for Swatow.
Tanda, for Moji.
Teau, for Canton.
Tjibadak, for Manila.
Tjisaroca, for Mantok.
Tonkin, for K. C. Wan.

WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships were in
port yesterday:—
Basin.—Tamar, Cicala.
North Wall.—Berwick, Seraph.
In Dock.—Hermes.
No. 9 buoy.—Tarantula.
Cosmopolitan Dock.—Sonne.
Foreign Men of War.—Italian
gunboat Sebastiano Caboto.

CHINESE SHIPPING SHORTAGE.

FOREIGN LINES COLLECT- ING INCREASED FREIGHT.

Shanghai.—The scarcity of ton-
nage is causing no little concern
in Chinese circles and local mer-
chants are already feeling the
pinch.

China's shipping industry has
been crippled through constant
commandering of native-owned
vessels and the sinking of
others. Services have been dis-
located and merchants in Shanghai
are finding it impossible to
despatch their goods to other ports,
while those in the interior and the
coast are facing equal difficulties
in trying to ship their wares to
Shanghai.

At the present time, we learn
from the Chinese press, there are
no fewer than 50 vessels command-
eered for the transportation of
troops, in spite of a recent order
of the National Government that
they should be returned at once to
their owners. Only five vessels
which were seized some time ago
have so far been returned and the
Government has failed to pay any-
thing in the way of "charter fees,"
as promised.

Dealing with the tonnage scarcity
question, the *Shunpo* says that,
as a result of the various Chinese
shipping firms suspending their
Yangtze services, foreign firms have
increased their freight rates for
Hankow by 25 per cent., whilst, for
goods shipped to Hunan, a freight
rate of 55 per cent. over the usual,
is being collected. Such charges are
far in excess of any that have been
charged in the past. The same
journal says that the British and
French shipping companies are
negotiating for an increase in the
transportation charges for Chinese
silk shipped to Europe, which,
of course, will tend to affect the silk
industry, though, in this respect,
Chinese shippers will not be hit.

Cargo Rotting Up North.

Continuing, the *Shunpo* says
that, because of the suspension of
the Chinese shipping services be-
tween Shanghai and Manchurian
ports, large quantities of flour, soy
beans, etc., are lying rotting at
Newchwang and Antung awaiting
shipment. British and Japanese
firms are taking advantage of
China's weakness in this respect so
they have placed more vessels on
service and, during the past few
weeks, over 200,000 bags of flour
have been brought to Shanghai by
the China Navigation steamers
alone.

Whilst on the question of China's
vessels being placed on military
service, it is interesting to know
that General Chiang Kai Shek has
telegraphed to Mr. Chao Tieh
Chiao, director-general of the
China Merchants S.N. Co., ask-
ing him for placing the company
vessels at the disposal of the Gov-
ernment for the transportation of
troops and mentioning that, as
soon as the Government troops
have been mobilized, these vessels
will be released.—N.C. Daily
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"KIDDERPORE"	5,334	19th Nov.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
"KASHGAR"	8,005	23rd Nov.	Mar. L'don, Hall, H'bg, R'dm. &
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	7th Dec.	Bombay, Mar. & L'don. [A'warp]
"BEYANA"	5,318	14th Dec.	Mar. L'don, Hall, H'bg, R'dm. &
"ALFORD"	5,373	19th Dec.	Straits, Colombo & B'way. [A'warp]
"MALWA"	10,980	21st Dec.	Marseilles and London.
"KHYBER"	9,114	23rd Dec.	Mar. L'don, Hall, H'bg, R'dm. &
		1930	[A'warp]
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	4th Jan.	B'way, Mar. & L'don.
"LAHORE"	5,304	11th Jan. [Mar.]	L'don, Hall, H'bg, R'dm. & A'warp
"KEIVA"	9,135	18th Jan.	Mar., London, R'dm. & A'warp.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	25th Jan. [Mar.]	L'don, Hall, H'bg, R'dm. & A'warp
"MANTUA"	10,948	1st Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KARNATA"	9,128	15th Feb.	Mar. L'don, Hall, H'bg, R'dm. & A'warp
"MACEDONIA"	11,130	1st Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	8th Mar. [Mar.]	L'don, Hall, H'bg, R'dm. & A'warp
"KALYAN"	9,144	16th Mar.	Mar. L'don, Hall, H'bg, R'dm. & A'warp
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	29th Mar.	Marseilles and London.
"MALWA"	10,980	12th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	26th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles and London.
"KASHGAR"	8,005	10th May	Mar. L'don, R'dm. & A'warp.

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"TALMA"	10,000	22nd Nov.	do.
"TAKIWA"	7,936	13th Dec.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,006	22nd Dec.	do.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	31st Dec.	do.

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Steamship	Tons	Sailing	Destination
"TANDA"	6,956	5th Nov., 6 a.m.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	8th Nov., Noon	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"ALFORD"	5,373	11th Nov.	Moji & Kobe.
"LAHORE"	5,304	12th Nov.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TAKIWA"	7,936	17th Nov.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KHYBER"	9,114	22nd Nov.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,980	23rd Nov.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,006	at Dec.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	7th Dec.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"JEYPORE"	5,318	9th Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	10th Dec.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"TAKADA"	6,949	19th Dec.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
"KEIVA"	9,135	21st Dec.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
		1930	
"MANTUA"	10,948	3rd Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NELORE"	6,563	7th Jan.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
"KARNATA"	9,128	17th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHMIR"	8,985	25th Jan.	do.
"MACEDONIA"	11,130	31st Jan.	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	14th Feb.	do.
"RAWALPINDI"	16,619	28th Feb.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"MALWA"	10,980	14th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Y'hama.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	27th Mar.	S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KASHGAR"	8,005	6th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KHYBER"	9,114	10th Apr.	do.
"MANTUA"	10,948	24th Apr.	do.
"KEIVA"	9,135	6th May	do.
"KARNATA"	16,601	22nd May	do.
"KARNATA"	9,128	5th June	do.
"MOREA"	10,954	19th June	do.
"KALYAN"	9,144	8th July	do.
"RAJPUTANA"	16,568	18th July	Shanghai, Kobe & Y'hama.

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